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KNOWLEDGE

IN recent years there has been much talk, no doubt well-meant, of "scientific ufology," and it has been easy to conjure up visions of collection of data, of the rigorous weeding-out of identifiable aerial objects or lights in the sky, of the "separation of the signal from the background 'noise'," of computers and micro-chips and data-processing statistical studies. There is, however, one big snag as far as this cosy picture is concerned. The lack of facts and the apparent absence of physical evidence (*apparently* absent because rumours of the capture of crashed flying saucers and occupants cannot readily be proved) and the lack of "repeatability," serve to throw would-be scientific ufologists and their claims to the Establishment Scientist wolves. Protests by scientific ufologists that – as Dr. J. Allen Hynek has insisted – any report honestly given becomes a fact, will be brushed aside: theories based on such facts do not offer themselves to disproving, and so are not considered scientific by the establishmentarians.

All of which would seem to suggest there can be no such thing as a "scientific ufologist." Such harsh treatment of ufologists who are only trying to be respectable would be condoned outside the scientific pale due to the very existence of a substantial lunatic fringe, of hill-top chargers of magic boxes from the "power of the UFOs," and sundry other cultists and cranks.

Nevertheless our readers should take heart from one or two points, particularly if some of them still yearn to be regarded as scientific.

First, the word 'science' comes to our language from the Latin *scientia*, which means 'knowledge.'

Secondly, we make no bones of the fact that there is a very real UFO phenomenon. Throughout the years we have insisted that the purpose of *Flying Saucer Review* is to record the reported facts about that phenomenon, with particular emphasis on reports of encounters of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th kinds which cannot be explained easily as misidentifications of celestial bodies or man-made aerial artifacts; facts which, ultimately, could be of value not only to scientists but also to historians, theologians, anthropologists, archaeologists and to members of other disciplines right across the board. And those facts are invariably in reports honestly given by people of all walks of life, many of them well-qualified observers, and most of them highly respectable folk. FSR also provides a platform for reasonable debate around those reported facts, and for the airing of views about them.

This then is part and parcel of the acquisition of knowledge about the phenomenon that interests us. To date that knowledge suggests researchers are looking at something that is paranormal in every aspect. Consequently we address ourselves to a number of questions... Are the things which are reported to have been seen manifestations of something terrestrial, extraterrestrial or metaterrestrial or are they images triggered by a stimulus in one of these regions? Something which, perhaps, can

cause effects of a psychic nature, or even hoodwink percipients with projected images the percipients may harbour a wish to see? These are questions that may be "thought aloud" – perhaps whispered – among ourselves, but never put forward as hard-and-fast theories. (Endless recording of reported facts could be terribly dull unless helped on its way by gentle speculation and "thinking aloud.")

We should always bear in mind Arthur C. Clark's suggestion that any technology only slightly in advance of ours would look like magic to us. There is truth in that suggestion – Man's record alone is proof of that – and as our hopes of overhauling such a technology would seem to be nil, then our task is a forbiddingly simple one: we must continue to record the reported facts, to avoid polemics and needless confrontations (for these activities, coupled with brash and jejune publicity-seeking, invite that ridicule which in turn frightens off genuine witnesses who are the source of our information) and to lay up a store of knowledge which, somewhere along the line of our futures – as readers of Aimé Michel's excellent contribution elsewhere in this issue will realise – may well be of great value to those who come after us.

NEW CONSULTANTS

The Editor is pleased to announce that Janet and Colin Bord have accepted an invitation to join his panel of consultants. Together, and singly, they have made frequent and valuable contributions to the pages of *Flying Saucer Review* as researchers, writers and reviewers. Colin's help will be especially valuable, thanks to his professional expertise in the field of photography, while Janet has had considerable experience in the UFO literary and editing field. This husband and wife team have also delved deep into the "secret" world of the paranormal. Their published works include the books: *Mysterious Britain* and *The Secret Country* as well as the recently published *Alien Animals*.

PUBLICATION DELAY

The long delay in the appearance of FSR Vol. 25, No. 4, has caused a great deal of frustration for many readers who, through having only recently become subscribers, have not been with us long enough to have experienced one of these aggravating hiatuses in the past. So we apologise to one and all, new subscribers and old – there is a faithful band of readers who have stayed with us, through thick and thin, since Vol. 1, No. 1, a quarter of a century ago – for the delay, which was caused by a chapter of accidents at the printers beyond Editorial control. We trust that, when delivered, the contents of Vol. 25, No. 4 made up for all the inconvenience.

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THE "CAT-FLAP" EFFECT

Aimé Michel

Translation from the French by Gordon Creighton

"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done."
– Ecclesiastes, Ch.1, v.9

WHEN French people are about to get married, they quote a saying that sums up two thousand years of conjugal wisdom: they say: "The time comes when you just have to draw a line and put an end to the situation." And some even go on to add: "one way or the other."

Well now, the time has come for me too to draw the line and make an end of it: and so this will probably be my last contribution to Ufology.

The reason for this is not, of course, that I am about to get married. (My *children* are the ones who are now at the marrying age!) No. It is simply that, when I was making a detailed examination of the UFO wave of the autumn of 1954, I had a particular purpose in mind: namely to introduce the scientific method into the study of UFOs, even though this would mean that others and not I myself would have to do the actual work.

Well now, this has already come about, and it is being done well – in France at any rate – since GEPAN began to produce their first findings. Their first report (Spring 1978) master-minded by Claude Poher, has convinced those of France's scientists who have been willing to study it, that the UFOs are indeed a real and important problem, and one well deserving of their interest.[1]

Poher is at this moment on sabbatical leave somewhere on the high seas in a boat that he built with his own hands. His place in Toulouse has been taken by Alain Esterle, another engineer at the French National Centre for Space Studies (C.N.E.S.). Esterle is a competent, painstaking, thorough type of man. He and his team have spent their first year of research in drawing up the shape of the programme that their penetrating investigation into the UFOs will take. Those who have read through this study programme [2] realize that never before has any group of investigators compiled so exhaustive a method for looking at all conceivable aspects – whether known or possible or merely suspected – of the UFO phenomenon, not excluding those aspects of the phenomenon which still lie outside the field with which our scientific method is able to cope. In France, at any rate (quite apart from such questions as the maintenance of a state of permanent alert, and the surveillance of the national territory) the era of the private UFO investigator is over, for only the professional scientists are possessed of those large-scale means – laboratories and computers and so on – that will be required if any new progress in UFO research is to be made. Thanks to the resources available to the C.N.E.S., backed up by the Army, Navy, and Gendarmerie, one can now be sure that, henceforth, nothing further will happen anywhere in France without being investigated thoroughly – with, of course, the obvious exception of anything that might possibly take place *without attracting human attention and so without our knowledge.*

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It is towards this last-mentioned possible aspect of our problem that I should now like to direct my final refelctions.

For this purpose, I shall base myself not on Ufology itself, but on the speculations now going on among astrophysicists regarding the subject of extraterrestrial life. The impatient reader may perhaps think that I am going to try once again to prove the E.T. Hypothesis to him. Let him be patient! Having followed with close attention the discussions and discoveries of the astronomers over the course of recent years, I propose – on the contrary – to prove that a throughgoing study of the E.T. Hypothesis solely from the astronomical standpoint will inevitably end in our envisaging the existence of an *Ultra-E.T.H.* comprising all realities of psychism and of the history of our planet, including also all that we still regard as pertaining to the realm of parapsychology, and even of religion.

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At the end of last June (1979) there was held in Las Vegas the first world congress of engineers to discuss the problem of interstellar galactic propulsion.

Convened by the most eminent American engineering association, this congress had as its objective the examination of all the possible means for converting into reality something that, only fifteen or twenty years ago, still seemed to pertain to the realms of science fiction: namely travel from star to star (ie. from sun to sun) across the Galaxy. I have no knowledge as yet of the papers that were read there, but there were expected to be several hundreds of them. It may well be that at that conference there was far more talk of the difficulties than of the means for achieving so formidable an enterprise. Nevertheless, it remains a fact that, if we date the birth of modern science from the discovery of the quanta (Max Planck, 1900), then it has taken only 79 years from that date for engineers to be considering that the time has come to examine the means available for

effecting this Great Voyage — the prelude to the *Diaspora* of mankind (terrestrial) throughout the Galaxy.

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On the other hand a number of astronomers and physicists (Stephen Dole and G.K. O'Neill for example) have calculated — and have done so quite separately — *that, within the framework of only those means that are available to present-day science,* a minimum of one million years, and a maximum of ten million years, would elapse between the first interstellar voyage and the total occupation of the Galaxy.

In other words, (a) we are, at this moment, already studying the means for leaving our solar syatem and, (b) even if we admit that this Great Departure can only become possible in a few centuries from now, the entire Galaxy will be occupied by mankind (terrestrial) — or, rather, by its descendants — in from one million to ten million years from now.

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It is from this point onwards that I now request the reader's close attention, for I am about to introduce the *Cat Flap Effect* which, I think, will alter radically all our previous speculations about "extraterrestrial" life.

Up till now, the big preoccupation of the astronomers dedicated to the *Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligences (S.E.T.I.)* has been to find the most plausible solution for *Drake's Equation,* as set out, for example, in 1973 by Sagan in his article "On the Detectivity of Advanced Galactic Civilizations" in *Icarus* No.19, p.350:-

> N being the number of galactic "civilizations" capable of communicating with us, this equation is written as $N = RL$

where L is the presumed *lifetime* of a civilization, and R is the product of six highly speculative factors of probability, such as the "probable" number of stars having a planetary system; the "probable" number of planets "suitable for life"; the "probable" number of those planets where life has appeared; the "probable" number of those planets that have given birth to an intelligent species, etc., etc.

All these "probabilities," about which we know nothing whatsoever, are highly uncertain and so naturally they are — like every probability — inferior to 1. The product of them can therefore naturally onlt tend towards zero.

We see thus that, despite our immense desire to know, S.E.T.I. is a well-nigh desperate piece of research. In fact, all the conferences and all the publications on this theme have only ended in a mass of contradictory and unverifiable suppositions, and you can see convincing proof of this merely by reading through the bibliography [3].

But the two facts noted above, namely that (a) we men, after less than a hundred years of advanced science, are already studying the means of setting out for the stars, and that (b) a few millions of years will suffice for us to occupy the whole Galaxy, these two facts render Drake's Equation totally useless and totally obsolete.

For it is in fact useless for us to know (even very vaguely) how many stars have "suitable" planets, how many of them have produced life, etc. (see what we have said above), *inasmuch as, if only one single planet in the whole of our Galaxy were more advanced than ours is, this would suffice for some portion of the Galaxy, or indeed for the whole of it, to be occupied already.*

The Cat-Flap is the technology of the first interstellar voyage: the first civilization to cross the *Cat-Flap* point explodes, literally, into Galactic Space, and occupies it totally, *within a negligeable period of time (i.e. between one and ten million years) compared to the cosmological durations of time which are registered not in millions of years, but in billions.*

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The numerous and uncertain questions raised by Drake's Equation are thus replaced by one single, solitary question, to wit: has anyone else yet crossed the *Cat-Flap?*

This question, which at first sight looks as uncertain as the R factors in Drake's Equation, can (and should) be put in a far more striking fashion, namely as follows: **What is the Probability that we are the most evolved beings in the Galaxy**?

For, once the question has been put in these terms, the reply given by astrophysics is inclined towards the view that the probability of such a situation is virtually *nil.*

In fact there are tens of billions of stars of the same type as the Sun, and the majority of them are older than the Sun — *older than the Sun by billions (not millions) of years.*

Consequently it is virtually infinitely improbable that we could be the first species to reach the *Cat-Flap* threshold. Indeed, on the contrary, it is infinitely probable that the *Cat-Flap* was passed by somebody else billions of years ago and that, during the whole of the vast period of time that has elapsed since then, the Galaxy in its entirety has been occupied.[4]

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If we accept this (and let us remember that the only alternative is that we are the most evolved of all beings in Space) then we must at once face up to certain consequences which totally alter the whole of our perspectives, historical, philosophical, and indeed religious too.

We would, for example, have to face up to the fact that "somebody" (or "something") was already around when the Earth came into existence; that this "somebody" was present (but, indeed, were "they" merely *present*?) throughout the whole evolution of life on Earth, the appearance of man, and the whole of his history.

And furthermore we must face up to yet another consequence: how are we going to be able to imagine for ourselves what that "somebody" or "something" is like, when 90% of all that we know at this very

moment in 1979 was unknown to our own grandparents less than one century ago?

It is not surprising that the astrophysicists have detected nothing in Space resembling any sort of human activity such as we would define as "intelligent." What *would* indeed be surprising would be for the contrary to be the case. What, pray, is our own "intelligence" likely to be in a few billions of years from now, if men of my own generation now no longer recognise the world that they knew in the days of their own childhood? 5

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Well, here I am now, talking about my age. Let us just leave the matter there, then. I have nothing more to say on our subject – that is to say, if the reader agrees with me that, in fact, while we have only been discussing astrophysics in this article, that is, nonetheless, *our subject* – this subject which we – my cat Grisonne and I – have so often discussed in our beloved ***FSR***. Since her mention of this *Cat-Flap* – for it was Grisonne herself who suggested it to me in the first place – she too has had nothing more to say on our subject, and I must in truth confess to you that she has aged quite a bit, and she is sick and somewhat senile.

Let this then be the expression of our final thanks and of our adieux to our readers, to all of whom I wish a long life.

References

1. The *Poher Report* (June 1978) has not been published because it is too bulky, but it isn't "secret'."
2. July 1979. This likewise is not secret. It is simply a study programme.
3. For example, in the article by T.B.H. Kuiper and M. Morris, in *Science,* Vol. 196, p.616 (1977). There are many other articles too which are more recent, but less easily available, and there has scarcely been any advance since then on what Kuiper and Morris say. The only interesting bit of progress has come from David W. Schwartzman (Howard University) in *Icarus,* Vol. 32, pp. 473-475 (1977), wherein, discussing the extreme brevity of the period between the birth of advanced science and the beginnings of the Space Adventure, Schwartzman observes that this period in the history of a civilization is like a mere flash in the immensity of cosmic time, and that we Earthmen are consequently now living through a rare episode and one that is, maybe, *unique at this moment in our Galaxy.* As a consequence of which the Earth, as it is at this present moment, is perhaps a very interesting and precious "object" for "alien" intelligences – something comparable, say, to the birth of a child in a family.
4. The objection could obviously be made that "occupation" (i.e. settlement) might no longer be an interesting activity or no longer an ethically attractive activity for more evolved "minds." But let us point out precisely this: the Earth hasn't been "settled" by others. It belongs to man, who is free to perpetrate here all the follies and stupidities that he desires. The concept of "occupation" or "settlement" which we are here discussing is clearly something of a different nature. Of what nature? That is a profound and difficult philosophical question I leave to the reader for him to meditate upon it.
5. The repeated failure of the astronomers to detect the faintest trace of "intelligent" activity in Space can also be explained by Schwartzman's *rarity factor.* This rarity, which is deduced from two quite certain facts, namely the enormous durations of cosmic time and the brevity of the *technological episode,* would not of course exclude absolutely the possibility of a chance contact with another "cosmic rarity" like ourselves. It would merely render such a chance contact *improbable,* something which would only occur at very great intervals.
There is also another hypothesis – and a *frightening* one – namely that, if we have detected nothing in Space, this is because there is nothing there, every burst of intelligent life being doomed to end in suicide through its own "technological episode." Such a state of affairs would be the final word in the vast mystery of all things. The whole Universe would then simply be nothing but one immense continuous catastrophe.
But such a hypothesis contradicts the laws of large numbers: it would mean that every evolution, without one single exception, commits suicide at the close of its "technological episode." But should just *one* civilization, amid the vast infinity of historical chances, not commit suicide, then, sooner or later, that civilization will find itself coming up to the *Cat Flap,* and, once across it, that civilization will be sowing its life throughout the entire Universe. And so we are brought back once more to the same prospect of a Universe that is already totally "occupied" (whatever the precise meaning that one gives to this word).
And so I, for my part, believe that the far-distant descendants of what we call "mind" – which is in fact none other than the human mind – have already developed, millions of centuries ago, new modes of being that are beyond the capacity of our present intellect to grasp. Let us always bear in mind the billions of years that still lie ahead of us in our future (if we don't commit suicide), whereas it has only taken a few hundreds of millions of years for life on our Earth to evolve from the mollusc to man.

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RETRIEVALS OF THE THIRD KIND — Part 2

A Case Study of Alleged UFOs and Occupants in Military Custody

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THE first part of this paper concluded with Abstract VII in which for the first time the name of a witness had been given. The witness, an Air Force Major named Daly, claimed that in April 1953, he had conducted an analysis of the metal of a crashed UFO. Unfortunately, but understandably, we are obliged to return in the next few abstracts, to testimony from un-named witnesses, but from time-to-time, I am happy to say, a name emerges.

Abstract VIII: Features of dead humanoids described and one seemed to be female

"I'm almost positive it happened in 1953" said my informant, a man with a long career as a pilot in the military, who held the rank of warrant officer in the army during the early 1950s. Now serving in the Air National Guard, he stood by me, facing a large wall map of the U.S.A. in a backroom of the Administration Building at Lunken Airport in Cincinnati. Earlier, in a large front room, before about 25 pilots, I had just spoken on the subject of UFOs. It was now the late summer of 1977, as the man tried to recall the exact time when he stood as a witness, at a distance of about 12 feet, peering at five crates on a fork lift inside a hangar at Wright-Patterson AFB.

In each of three crates, he said, were the recovered dead bodies of small humanoids; the contents of the other two crates were not discernible. As he related this astonishing information in a matter-of-fact manner, he pointed vaguely to an area in Arizona on the map. "Here's where it approximately happened," he said. "It was in a desert area but I don't have the name of the location."

There was no one else in the map room when he told me about the incident. He made certain of that. "It's still a secret, and at the time I had to swear to it." he said. "I was in the right place at the right time when the crates arrived at night by DC-7."

As we stood at the map, my informant described what appeared to be hastily prepared wooden crates. In these, little humanoids, appearing to be four feet tall, were lying unshrouded on a fabric, which he explained prevented freeze burn from the dry ice packed beneath. As a number of Air Police stood silent guard near by the crates, he managed to get a reasonably good but brief glimpse of the humanoid features. He recalls that their heads were disproportionately larger than the bodies, with skin that looked brown under the hangar lights above. The head appeared to be hairless and narrow. The eyes seemed to be open, the mouth small, while the nose, if any, was indistinct. The humanoids' arms were positioned down alongside their bodies, but the hands and feet, he said, were indistinct. When asked about their attire, he said they appeared to be wearing tight-fitting dark suits and, because of the tight-fit, there was one revealing feature — and a surprising one at that — for one of the humanoids appeared to him to be female. He added: "Either one of the aliens had an exceedingly muscular chest or the bumps were a female's breasts." Later, he learned from one of the crew members, with whom he bunked at the barracks, that the body of one of the aliens was, indeed, that of a female.

My informant also heard from the crew member that one of the little humanoids was still alive aboard the craft when the U.S. military team arrived. Attempts made to save its life with oxygen were unsuccessful.

Another question, an important one, was promptly answered by my informant. That question was how the military knew about the crash, and where to go. He said he heard from a crew member that the UFO was picked up by special tracking equipment at Mt. Palomar in California. They provided the coordinates to the military to determine the crash area. The retrieved craft was found intact, he later heard, and was sent to Wright-Patterson. He had no more details as to when or by what means.

Comment

There were other details furnished by my informant concerning his encounter at Wright-Patterson — and on other sensitive UFO issues that might be identifiable or traceable to him. At his request, I have therefore avoided using these data. For certain, there are a lot of things connected with the UFO that the public does not know about.

Abstract IX: More testimony to a 1953 crash, with dead humanoids

The following letter, quoted in part, was received from Richard Hall of MUFON. It is dated April 8, 1964, and the name of the source is deleted on request.

"Here at school there is an instructor who, during the Korean conflict, was adjutant to an Air Force General at one of our New Mexico proving grounds. I got the following story from him:

" 'In 1953 a flying saucer crash-landed near the proving grounds. Air Force personnel immediately rushed to the area and found the saucer, unharmed and unoccupied with doors open. Upon searching the surrounding area they came upon the bodies of the saucer's four occupants, all dead.

" 'Shortly after this certain top level personnel were given the true saucer story by Air Force officials. My source was included in this. They were shown the bodies of the four occupants of the ship, which he described as from three to four feet tall, hairless, and otherwise quite human in appearance. An autopsy had been performed on one of them to try to determine the cause of death. No cause for their deaths was ever found. Also at this time they were shown three saucers. He described them as ovoid, with a length of twenty-five feet and a width of thirteen feet. They were shown the interior as well, and there were no visible means of control, no visible means of propulsion. He told me that since that time the Air Force has been working intensely, though unsuccessfully, at trying to discover the means of propulsion.'

"I can vouch for the validity of this information as well as the reliability of the person I got it from. This you can state as positive fact. Due to the fact that he is still affiliated with the armed forces he prefers that his identity remain hidden. He also told me that this is top secret information which is highly guarded to prevent leaks."

Comment

I reserve my personal comment to a quote from Dick Hall's covering letter dated December 23, 1977, as follows:

"The chap mentioned in the letter is the one Todd Zechel finally tracked down,* and I went with him to interview the man, and had a face-to-face meeting with him here in Washington area. He was here on some church-related business. As former aide to a general and command pilot in Vietnam, I couldn't imagine a *less* likely hoaxer. He clearly took UFOs seriously. He wouldn't talk directly about what he had seen, but in company with the general he saw the evidence at Langley AFB, Virginia. Also our informant told us of an Air Force pilot who had told him of the southwest crash story."

Our artsits's impression of one of several persistent rumours, from the cover of FSR Vol. 25, No. 4.

Abstract X: Death-bed confession about dead humanoids

Charles Wilhelm, Director of the Ohio UFO Investigators League in Cincinnati, received the following information in 1966 from a schoolmate friend whose father was witness to a retrieved UFO and its occupants, again in 1953. The father, who made a death-bed confession to his son, had been head of military security at Wright-Patterson.

While on duty, the father related, he saw two disc-shaped metallic UFOs, one was damaged, the other intact. He also witnessed four dead alien bodies, packed in dry ice on their arrival. They were described as 4 to 5 feet tall, with heads disproportionately larger than their bodies and with slanted eyes. He said the rest of their bodies appeared to be human except that the fingers were noticeably longer than ours.

Comment

It seems that 1953 was a busy year for crashed UFOs and military retrievals.

Abstract XI: Saucer in distress: strange effect on vehicle exhausts

With the help of Lou Farish of MUFON I got the phone number of Cecil Tenney, aged 78, in Delta, Colorado, and called him March 7, 1978. I wanted to hear for myself his testimony relative to his alleged observation in 1953, near Dutton, Montana, of a low-level UFO in distress, or in a malfunctioning condition, and what he experienced during Air Force interrogation; also what he saw at the Great Falls AFB, which he believed were the recovered dead alien bodies.

In the fall of that year, near dusk, Tenney, driving alone from Great Falls to his home in Conrad in his pick-up, watched the troubled performance of a large cigar-shaped object near the town of Dutton. Appearing to be about one third the size of a football field, and about 200 feet away, the silvery object pulsated and belched out fire and smoke for about seven or eight minutes.

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* See part 1 of this article in FSR Vol.25, No.4, (July-August 1979). – ED.

"It seemed to be trying to pull itself up, but it couldn't," said Tenney. Then he described an explosion and a swooshing sound that was followed by balls of fire hitting the road and as far as he could see. Two or three cars on the road coming from the opposite direction, he said, had their exhausts shooting out flames.

Tenney admitted that he was stunned and frightened by the spectacle. "I got out of there in a hurry," he said, "and stopped at the nearest place with a toilet. This was a beer hall which is about 5 miles beyond Dutton."

There, Tenney was told by the bartender that he "...smelled like lightning." Later, he learned that a state highway patrolman who also saw the UFO in distress had stopped in the saloon, and was given Tenney's name as a witness.

That same evening, according to Tenney, he got a phone call from a colonel at the Great Falls AFB, about 30 miles away. In a gruff voice, Tenney was told (not asked): "I want to see yuh!" He was instructed to report to the Air Base at a certain time the next morning.

When Tenney arrived at the base, he was escorted by two men into a jail-like, cinder block building and was led to the colonel's office. He was grilled with questions for 30 minutes, then he signed a 5-copy statement which was also signed by a notary public.

Following interrogation, Tenney was escorted downstairs and near the entrance door he encountered two military men arriving. Each of them was carrying a large blue bag over his shoulder. He guessed they were laundry bags but according to Tenney the bulges in the bag did not appear to be laundry. As Tenney moved toward the door, one of the men dropped his bag to the floor and it was then that Tenney could recognise the bulges to be shaped more like the protruding limbs of bodies. At this point, he was rudely pushed out of the door and told: "Get the hell out of here!"

Tenney told me he returned to his flower shop in Conrad very concerned about the harsh treatment he got at the base, and wondering about the contents of the laundry bags. Said Tenney, "I can't swear they were bodies, but the bags contained something they didn't want me to see."

Later Tenney heard of another witness, a brakeman on a passing train, who was knocked to the ground by the UFO's explosion.

Comment

Tenney is the only known witness to the event, with no other names to check for backup. However, he sounded convincing enough on the telephone, and made no hard claims to know the answers to the UFO's erratic or troubled behaviour, its noisy disgorging of flame and smoke, why tongues of fire shot out of automobile exhaust pipes, what the highway patrolman reported to the Air Force, why the colonel was so demanding and the escorts so rude, or what was inside the laundry bags that was so secret. Tenney's guess was that the UFO he had seen in distress had crashed, and the bags contained its dead occupants.

Abstract XII: Revelation by woman who catalogued crashed-UFO material

In the 1940s and 1950s Mrs. G. worked in the Foreign Materials Division, with a top security clearance rating, at Wright-Patterson AFB, and she retired from there in 1959 for health reasons. Charles Wilhelm, who has provided me with some first hand reports from people with information about UFO retrieval or related incidents, got this one from Mrs. G. in 1959. She had known Charles very well as a teenager on two counts: he was a good, honest worker in performing yardwork for her, and for his intense interest in UFOs. When she developed cancer, and knew of her impending death, she decided to relate to him some startling information about her secret duties at Wright-Patterson, and what she saw in the performance of these duties.

In 1955, according to Wilhelm, she was assigned to a post to catalogue all incoming UFO material, during which time approximately 1000 items were processed. These included items from the interior of a recovered UFO brought to the air base. All items were photographed and tagged.

In her cataloguing duties, Mrs. G. also was witness to the conveyance, by cart, of two dead humanoid bodies from one room to another. The bodies, preserved in chemicals, were four to five feet tall, had generally human features, except that the heads were large relative to their bodies, and their eyes were slanted. There was no word as to whether or not the bodies were brought in from a recent crash or had been at the base morgue from an incident occurring in previous years.

After telling Charles Wilhelm some of the barest facts she knew, she commented; "Uncle Sam can't do anything to me once I'm in my grave." Six months later Mrs. G. passed away.

Comment

The brief, but vital facts bared in the testimony of Mrs. G. are not to be underestimated. I firmly believe in Charles Wilhelm, and he, in turn, believed Mrs. G. Wilhelm told me he saw Mrs. G.'s Wright-Patterson AFB ID badge prior to her death.

Abstract XIII: Description of a photograph of alleged humanoid

The late James Mitchell was formerly a Navy specialist who served at an air station in Dallas, Texas, where his duties included the handling of confidential film. After retirement from the Navy in 1966, he became a civil service electrician at Wright-Patterson AFB, holding top secret clearance allowing him to work in high security areas on the base.

In 1977, in association with my regular employment, I met one of James Mitchell's sons. Knowing of my research, he came to my office to tell me of an incident in which his father was involved with the security officials at the Base, for having possession of a photograph of a small alien humanoid allegedly

killed following a skirmish with U.S. military forces in Arizona.

According to my informant, he was away from home at college at the time his father brought the photo home from Wright-Patterson in 1966. However, his brother Mike, who now lives in California, was at home at that time and was shown the photo by his father.

In due course, my business associate contated his brother Mike by phone, and asked him to describe the photo and also to comment on his father's actions at that time. Mike obligingly described the photo as a black and white glossy, 8 x 10, showing two men, one wearing khaki, the other a laboratory coat, who were holding up a dead body about 3½ feet tall. The photograph was taken at a fair distance on a clear day in a panorama of desert with patchy scrub vegetation. Most of the details were by now hazy to Mike, but he recalls that the alien's head was pear-shaped and oversized for its body, with slits for eyes and mouth. He also remembers that the humanoid was wearing a dull coloured, wrinkled metallic suit.

Recalling his father's actions, Mike said that he had come home from work and seemed excited as he flashed the photo at him. Making a sly glance, he put the picture away under some papers in his dresser drawer. He also recalls that his father said: "I can't keep it. I must take it back."

Later in the evening Mike's father confided that he knew the story behind the photograph. He said that during early morning military exercises in a desert area of Arizona, a unit encountered a group of aliens near a landed craft. There was probably a skirmish, and one alien put up quite a fight. Subdued, the small creature was given a sedative by injection, which caused its death. The story goes that the other members of the "Third Kind" escaped into their craft and flew away. The one dead body was supposedly shipped to Wright-Patterson, preserved in dry ice.

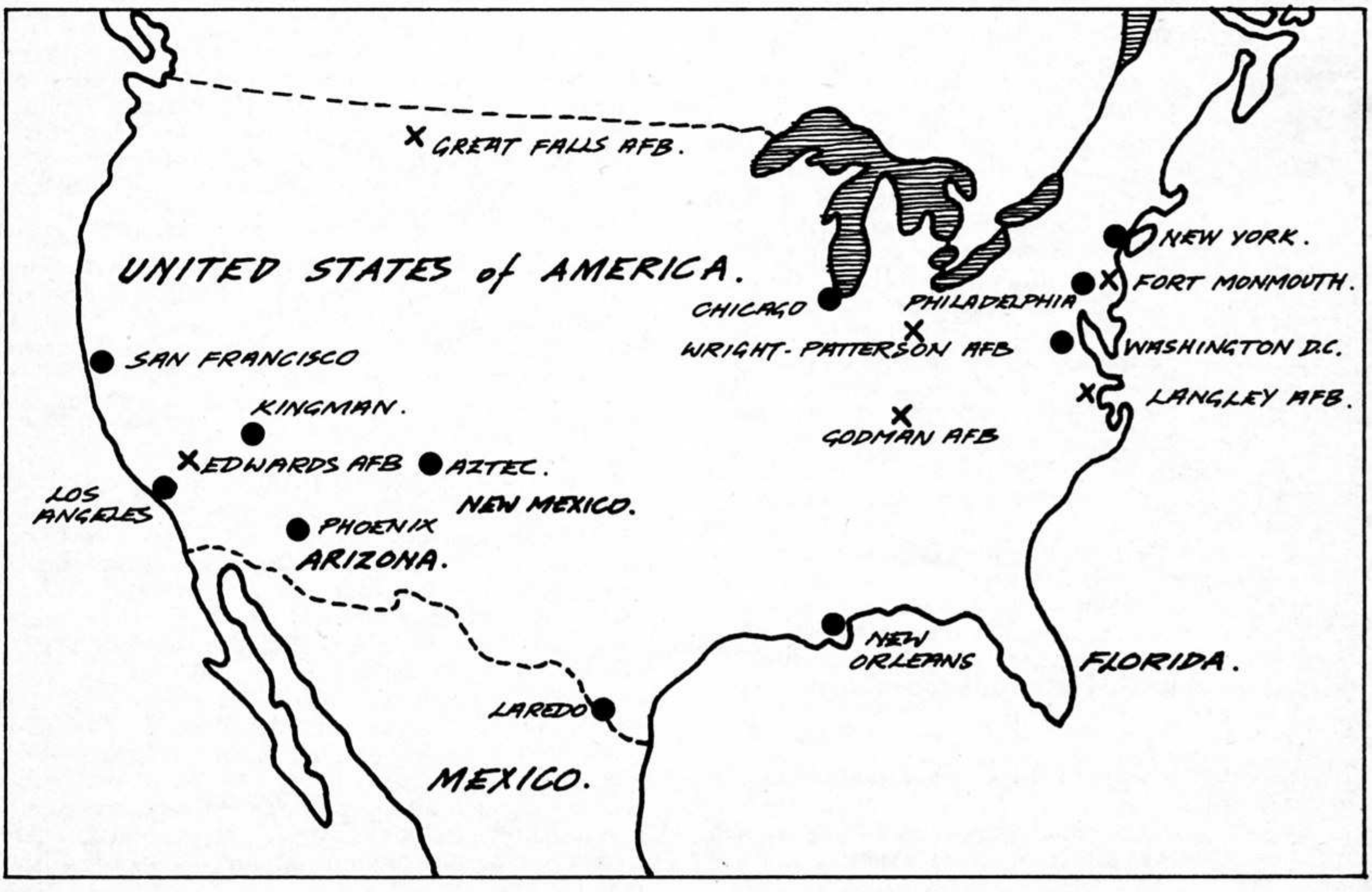
The next day, Mike remembers his father seemed greatly disturbed. Something had happened at the Base concerning the photo. He remembers that he had to return it and, from that day on, James Mitchell refused to discuss the photo again with anyone.

Comment

From my sources I have been unable to establish the vintage of the photograph or the story of the skirmish. It could be that the photo was genuine, while the story was not. Nonetheless the borrowed photo, according to Mike's recollection, had caused some concern at Wright-Patterson, and may have resulted in some kind of reprimand for his father. I feel that such an action would not have occurred had the misappropriated photo been a fake. Now, we may ask, what about the skirmish?

Abstract XIV: Description of a craft – with occupants – which allegedly crashed in 1962

Robert D. Barry, fellow researcher and lecturer, was contacted early in March, 1978, on the basis of his interest in, and knowledge of, crashed UFOs and



the retrievals of craft and their occupants. Barry, a dedicated researcher since 1957, is director of the 20th Century UFO Bureau. When I told him that I could use his help in supplying some data for a paper I was preparing for the MUFON Symposium, he requested me to submit a letter to further identify myself and my objectives in this sensitive area. I did so promptly, and it produced positive results.

Barry's first letter, dated March 14, 1978, concerns a UFO crash, with occupants, occurring in 1962. I here quote an extract from his letter:

> "...My sources of information on the subject of crashed UFOs involve quite a few [people] but my major sources number four, including one within intelligence circles as well as a scientist.
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> "As regards the crashed UFO of 1962, it occurred in the state of New Mexico. The craft experienced flight difficulty at a time it was being tracked on military radar. It was tracked across two southwestern states before coming in over New Mexico. Military jets were sent up for intercept.
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> "As the craft moved in over the state of New Mexico it lost altitude and continued to experience flight difficulty. It impacted on desert sands at an estimated 90 m.p.h. Its underside hit the sand as a plane does when coming in for a landing.
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> "Its landing gear was not down and its flight pattern at impact gave the indication that the two occupants in the craft were evidently dead at the time of the crash...hence the flight difficulty experienced by the craft.
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> "The craft was 68 feet in diameter and 13 feet in height...typically circular. The two beings discovered inside the craft were 42 inches each in height. Each being was dressed in a one-piece space suit with no buttons or zippers.
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> "The occupants were removed the following day to a major medical university hospital in the U.S., where skin tests and other scientific analyses were performed. Skin colour was grey/grey pink. Head [was] slightly large for the size of the body; eyes somewhat larger than norm[al], but the nose was small with little protrusions...no ear lobes, but a hole at each side of the head where we have ears...then, of course, inside the hole area was the inner ear portion. Mouth was very small with thin lips.
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> "The circular-shaped space craft was described as exploratory and was removed to a major military base in the southwest where scientists and engineers were assigned to work on the craft in an attempt to discover its [method] of propulsion.
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> "On this particular case, a total of twenty individuals were involved in the investigation and research. Since that time, three of them have died – of natural causes – leaving a total of 17 familiar with the incident and follow-up research."

Abstract XV: Claim to have proof that UFOs are extraterrestrial

My information comes second-hand from a person who requests that his name is not used in any way regarding his knowledge either of retrieved UFOs, or of the preserved alien bodies maintained in secret storage at Wright-Patterson AFB. This person, who has read my book, *Situation Red*, is aware of my position in research, but refuses to discuss what he knows with me by telephone or in person. My first-hand informant is his son, with whom he had shared some general information about UFOs a couple of years earlier. To elaborate further, the young man's father got his UFO input from his own cousin, an Air Force Major who was specifically assigned to a UFO project for about 5 years at Wright-Patterson. The major was formerly a pilot, and had also served at a missile site overseas, and presently is assigned to a new technical duty. I do have these latter details, but was asked not to be specific.

So significant was the information received by the father from his cousin, the Air Force Major, that he felt compelled to write down some specific details about the retrieved UFOs and the humanoids, which he sealed in an envelope and placed in his safety deposit box. His instructions were that the envelope was not to be opened until after his death.

Some of the general information known to my informant concerns Wright-Patterson's storage of an intact UFO, and parts of damaged UFOs, and the preservation of dead alien bodies under glass in special refrigerated conditions. The Major also reportedly said: "We have the proof that UFOs are extraterrestrial."

Comment

My informant is not kidding about his father's UFO notes being stored in a safety deposit box. Neither is he kidding about his father's staunch refusal to discuss with me the contents of his notes. Personally, I must agree with the father's position of keeping a trust when it concerns the status and welfare of a close relative.

Abstract XVI: Man who stood guard over dead aliens

Mrs. S.I. called me on August 3, 1977, to relate her growing interest in the UFO mystery. She had read my book, *Situation Red*, and expressed a desire to attend the future meetings of the local OUFOIL research group. To its director, Charles Wilhelm, she confided that her husband Carl, while in the Air Force as a member of the Air Police at Wright-Patterson AFB, was called to duty one night to stand guard in a secret area where he witnessed three dead alien bodies that had just arrived. I was tipped off about this information by Wilhelm, so on August 3rd I was prepared to ask some careful questions.

During our first chat I was about to extract some strong data. She explained that she believed that it was the year 1973 when her husband Carl was called out to duty during the night. He was driven to a certain location, then was blindfolded. She said, he recalled that he was led across a field of wet grass, then was helped down a flight of stairs and escorted through a long corridor. At a certain point, he was halted and his blindfold was removed. There he was issued instructions about his mission and

where to stand guard. To his shock, he was in a room with other ranking officers and a few scientists who were viewing three small humanoid bodies. They were dead and were stretched out on a refrigerated table. She remembers Carl telling her that the bodies were about three feet tall, their heads were abnormally large and seemed to have a short fuzz on the top. The skin, she said, was an off-white or cream. She could recall no other facial features described by Carl, admitting that the only time Carl had talked about his experience was while they were courting. That was in 1975. At that time, she said, he seemed shaken by it.

"I believe he was dramatically affected," she said, and added: "One time he told his sister about it and she just laughed. Since then, he refuses to discuss the matter with anyone, even me."

Later, on several occasions when I telephoned Mrs. S.I., I asked to speak to Carl. One night he was present, sitting at a table drinking coffee when I called. I remember she asked him if he would be willing to talk with me about his experience but he declined. Said Mrs. S.I. when she returned to the phone: "He said he's not allowed to talk about it, and that he will tell everything he knows after President Carter makes an announcement."

In the fall of 1977, Mrs. S.I. became so obsessed with her UFO pursuits that she became ill, followed by a long period when she did not communicate. Then one evening she telephoned and politely announced that she had abandoned her interest in UFOs. She thanked me for my offers to help during her period of stress, and again reminded me that Carl would not talk about his affair at Wright-Patterson.

Comment

No one can blame Carl for upholding his sworn oath to secrecy, but a slip of his tongue with his loved one had let the proverbial cat out of the bag. I believe that the information recounted by his wife is fairly accurate. Of special interest in this incident of retrieval is the year 1973, which suggests that the corpses of alien occupants recovered from crashed UFOs are still being sent to Wright-Patterson AFB for analysis and preservation.

Abstract XVII: New light on the "Scully case"

We come now to one case which I believe deserves both climactic treatment, and a reappraisal of all its known facts, for it concerns the first alleged retrieval of craft and crew on record and its far-reaching impact on research.

The case in point is the controversial Aztec, New Mexico, incident of February, 1948, which was sensationalized by Frank Scully in his book, *Behind The Flying Saucers*. This one case, as cited before,† has prejudiced serious researchers. Most are still soured by it, and as a result, shun or discredit *all* retrieval stories.

While Scully used shady characters to support his case, new data supported by people with solid credentials, has since surfaced through the efforts of Professor Robert Spenser Carr, a long-time researcher with his own proper credentials.

Now retired, Professor Carr, who formerly taught mass communications at South Florida University, and served as Director of Research at Walt Disney Studios, made national news in 1975 when he reopened the "Aztec Pandora's Box" during a press interview in Tampa. When asked by a cub reporter to substantiate his claims that he believed UFOs were from outer space, Carr responded briefly using data he had amassed on the "little men" recovered in Aztec. When the story punched its way through the wire services, researchers were caught off guard, including myself. Like others questioned by the press, I responded with scepticism. At that time I had no new data on the Aztec case. In fact, I had not corresponded with Professor Carr since the 1950s, when I published the *Crifo Orbit*. Checking my old files, I reviewed his letters sent to me. Certainly all were well-written, factual and conservative.

On March 28, 1978, while visiting my daughter and her husband in Dade City, Florida, I telephoned Professor Carr in nearby Clearwater. After rehashing our UFO struggles in the 50s, I asked him about his collected data on retrievals, and specifically about the Aztec incident. His response was rewarding. He had accumulated more data about Aztec than I had ever anticipated. I called him again on March 31st

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and asked for his permission to use certain of his data in this paper. Again Carr was obliging, except for a reluctance to use the names of his sources. Commented Professor Carr: "I have spent 17 years collecting the data I have on the Aztec case. I know of other retrievals, but my main thrust through all those years was concentrating on sources who knew about the Aztec incident. I could write a book about that one retrieval alone."

The "ancestor" of all retrieval cases, as Carr calls it, was the landing of a craft with 12 occupants twelve miles west of Aztec, a town of sparse population in a desolate desert region. According to Carr, three separate radar stations; one at Muroc AFB (now Edwards), one at Santa Fe, and another in the southeast corner of Colorado, tracked the craft, and by triangulation, were able to pinpoint the descending craft to Aztec. The Air Force rushed crews to the site from Muroc. The craft was found not damaged except for a puncture in one of the portholes. This puncture, Carr said, was the probable cause of the death of the occupants. One authority told him they had died of decompression. The punctured port was also the only means through which the Air Force specialists could enter the craft. The bodies of the craft's crew were rushed to Muroc where they were stored in a refrigerated mortuary. Later, they were sent to Wright-Patterson for autopsies and preservation in cryonic suspension.

In his 17-year search for the truth about Aztec, Professor Carr told me he got extensive input of information from five eyewitness sources. One key source, now deceased, was a surgical nurse who assisted in the autopsy. A second source was a high ranking Air Force officer who was stationed at Wright-Patterson, and who had a degree in anthropology from an Eastern University. Two others, both aeronautical engineers, revealed valuable data on the craft's structure and operational systems. Still another source aware of the Aztec retrievals was an Air Force enlisted man who was a guard on duty at an air base he did not disclose.

According to Carr, his eyewitness accounts, in which the humanoids were described, all agreed that the bodies were from three to four feet tall, and had elongated heads, oversized by comparision with their bodies. The eyes were slanted, giving an oriental look. The clothing worn by each member was tight-fitting and without insignia.

Professor Carr also shared some details on the storied visit by President Eisenhower to see the retrieved craft and crew at Wright-Patterson in 1952. According to an eyewitness informant, Eisenhower, using an excuse to play golf in Palm Beach, Florida, was picked up by helicopter at a remote tee and flown to the airbase. There he was greeted by 80 to 100 military and scientific people in a secret hangar, and was shown both the craft and 12 bodies in deep freeze. When the President asked about the craft's propulsion, and the UFOs origin and their mission to Earth, no one – according to Carr's informant – could provide answers. Eisenhower then turned red and, shaking his finger, insisted: "Mum's the word." Ordering absolute secrecy, he brought in the C.I.A. and all its efficient methods to keep it that way. According to Carr's informant, the C.I.A. seriously believed in 1952 that the public would suffer a "cultural shock" if they were told that UFOs came from an advanced civilization from outer space.

Comment

Having discussed personally with Professor Carr the reliability of his eyewitness sources, I feel that the Aztec affair can now be viewed with new confidence and free of the Scully stigma.

Comments Professor Carr: "I don't agree with the policy of secrecy nor the fear of a world "culture shock" if the real UFO facts are revealed. Whatever the UFO's purpose, I don't think they are hostile. Therefore, I believe the world governments should urgently try to make peaceful contact."

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To be concluded in the next issue of FSR.

THE "GREAT DEBATE" IN BOOK FORM

NEVER had a Hansard report on a House of Lords Debate sold out so quickly as did that on Lord Clancarty's motion about UFOs. It is fortunate that those who missed their Hansard may now obtain an unabridged version in the form of a book, with a Preface by **Lord Clancarty** and Notes by **John Michell.** I have given a brief summary of, and a commentary on the Debate in the Editorial leader of FSR Vol. 24, No. 6, but I am sure readers will wish to read the full text. The Preface and Notes were designed to provide a vehicle for the sober text of the Debate.

Lord Clancarty (Brinsley le Poer Trench) traces his involvement in the subject of ufology, mentions his three years as Editor of *Flying Saucer Review* and gives his reasons for putting forward his motion. John Michell's marginal notes provide introduction to the peers who spoke, and background information on incidents, reports and other matters raised in the Debate. These are aimed, no doubt, at readers new to the subject.

The cover sports a startling picture, somewhat in poor taste, wherein an "Adamski-type" flying saucer is superimposed over a photo of the Houses of Parliament. If readers wonder why this device is used then they will not be surprised to find in the book a picture of "contactee" Adamski and of his "scout ship". John Michell restricts himself to interesting comments on Adamski and on the irresponsibly prompted bottle cooler farce of 1975, and elsewhere on the development of the subject in general. This book is essential for those who wish to read the verbatim report of the Debate, and it is therefore a pity the standard of printing leaves much to be desired.

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JETLINER "INTERCEPTED" BY UFO NEAR VALENCIA

SAYS CAPTAIN: "IT WAS AS BIG AS A JUMBO JET"

Juan José Benitez

Translation from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton

THE UFO DEBATE is back in the centre of the news once more.

I had scarcely had the time to scrape the mud off my boots after my last investigation in the remote village of Villacalabuey, in the Province of Leon — where a number of these silent and mysterious unidentified flying objects had flown low over the house-tops, leaving the astonished peasants with their lights blacked out — when another report, no less amazing, set me off on the road to the East Coast of Spain.

The first newsflash received had reported: "A large UFO has forced, a jet *Supercaravelle* air-liner flying on the Palma de Mallorca-Tenerife route to land at the Valencia Airport at Manises."

Interview with Captain of the Plane

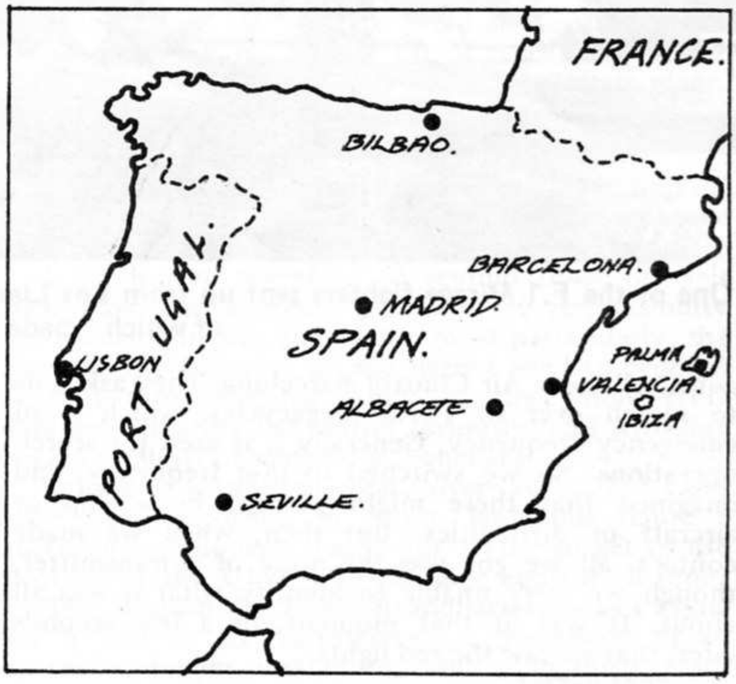
This is not the first occasion on which a UFO has made a close approach to a commercial air-liner.

Only a few months ago another Spanish aircraft — a DC-9 of the Aviaco Company, piloted by Captain Mirallas with, as his co-pilot, José Antonio Silva, the popular TV compère — had another mystery object twice the size of a Jumbo jet on their port side as they were approaching the Madrid International Airport at Barajas. The UFO was seen by the whole crew of the DC-9 in broad daylight, and was also seen on the radar screens at the Flight Control Centre at Paracuelles. The UFO "escorted" the plane for almost four minutes.

But there have also been many other eyewitness reports of UFOs. In my own files alone I have some forty such cases, in every one of which the eyewitnesses were the crew of a civil aircraft of these various air-lines: Iberia, Aviaco, Spantax, Transeuropa, and T.A.E.

It is this last-named line who are the owners of the *Supercaravelle* 297-SE-210-CUM involved in this new case. With 119 passengers aboard, the plane, late on Sunday evening, November 11, was en route to the Canary Islands, on a flight which at first gave no signs of being anything but entirely normal...

It is understandable enough that the first reports to come in about the encounter with the UFO or UFOs were somewhat confused. To begin with, there was uncertainty as to the number of UFOs that had approached the plane. And why had the



pilot decided to depart from his flight-route and make an emergency landing at Valencia?

The best way to solve these uncertainties was to get an interview with the Captain of the *Supercaravelle*, and a few hours later I had the good fortune to speak to both the Captain, Comandante Tejada, and his co-pilot, Sr. Suazo.

A little before that, the deputy director of the T.A.E. Company, Sr. Alfredo Espantaleon, had very kindly given me confirmation of the occurrence. He said: "Yes, it seems that the plane was forced to land at Valencia. And we know that the UFOs were also seen by other eyewitnesses on the ground, as well as by the pilots of several military aircraft."

Here now is the statement of Comandante Tejada, Captain of the *Supercaravelle*, a veteran with more than 8,000 flying hours to his credit. He was still visibly affected by his experience with the UFO:—

"We were about forty miles to the north-east of Valencia and, as you know, we were en route from Palma to Santa Cruz de Tenerife. We were on a charter flight from Salzburg to the Canary Islands, with German and Austrian passengers.

"Well now, a few minutes before 11.00 p.m. we

One of the F.1 *Mirage* fighters sent up from Los Llanos Air Base, near Albacete, to search for the UFOs, one of which "made a pass" at a *Mirage*

got a call from Air Control Barcelona. They asked us to switch over to 121.5 megacycles, which is an emergency frequency. Generally it is used for search operations. So we switched to that frequency, and imagined that there might perhaps be a ship or aircraft in difficulties. But then, when we made contact, all we got was the noise of a transmitter, though we were unable to identify what it was all about. It was at that moment, or a few seconds later, that we saw the red lights."

"What lights?"

"Two very red, powerful lights. They were heading towards us at nine o'clock of our position. In other words, they were coming in from our left, as it would be on the dial of a watch."

"Were there two of them?"

"I don't think so," the Captain added quickly. "I think there was just *one* 'thing.' The two lights seemed to be set at the two extremities. All the movements of the two lights were perfectly coordinated, just as if it were one single device we were dealing with. Of that we feel certain..."

"Then what happened?"

"The speed at which they came at us was staggering. I have never seen anything like that speed... The two lights, in line, came up to us on a bearing of 250. That is to say, to our left, and a little behind us."

"At what distance would they have then been from you?"

"When we saw them first, they were at about ten miles. Then they made towards us, and then were literally 'playing with us' at not much under half a mile or so."

"What do you mean when you say they were 'playing with your aircraft?' "

Just what I say. Simply that the object was moving upwards or downwards at will, all round us, and performing movements that it would be quite impossible for any conventional machine to execute."

"Then, do you think that the possibility that it was another aircraft must be ruled out?"

The Captain was manifestly uneasy about this question.

"Another aircraft? But do you think that, at those altitudes, we don't know how to tell what is an aircraft? What aircraft flies at that sort of speed? What sort of aircraft takes up a position at less than half a mile from my jet liner and then sets about 'playing games' with me? Besides, as I've already told you, the turns and manoeuvres it performed weren't those of a plane."

"What could its size have been?"

"Approximately the same as a Jumbo Jet."

The Captain went on to tell me that the speed of approach of the UFO was so great that he found himself forced to perform what in the parlance of aerial navigation is called a 'break.' In other words, he had to turn the aircraft sharply, so as to avoid a possible collision. He continued:—

"I remember that just as I made this 'break' in our flight course, we were about 60 miles from Valencia, and in Radial 300."

"Did you tell Flight Control what was happening?"

"Yes, of course. I called Barcelona and told them that I had some unidentified traffic at a little under half a mile from my aircraft."

"How long did the UFO stay near you?"

"About eight minutes or so. After that, when I had completed my 'break-off' operation towards my right, the object followed us for about thirty miles."

"Did the presence of the object affect the controls or instruments of your plane?"

"No. The only thing that failed was the automatic pilot, but I don't think that was due to the presence of the UFO. The situation finally got so dangerous that we decided to call Manises and request permission to make an emergency landing there. And this we did."

"Did the passengers see the movements of the object?"

"I don't think so, because dinner was being served at the time."

The *Supercaravelle* touched down at Valencia shortly before midnight on Sunday. And Senor Morlan, the Director of the Valencia Airport, together with his Traffic Controler and a number of the ground personnel all saw an extraordinary object with a number of red lights, stationary over the Airport buildings. There was a certain degree of confusion among the eyewitnesses on the ground, who thought that several UFOs were involved. Some of the eyewitnesses even declared that some of the red lights had been seen over the top end of the runway and over the Airport Terminal itself, but there is no official confirmation yet on this.

Strong reaction from Defence Headquarters

My own investigations have revealed that there was a vigorous 'lightning response' by the Spanish Air Force through their operations 'heart,' the Defence Command Centre in Madrid.

The information which I possess indicates that the military radarscopes did indeed register a number of echoes moving at high speed and precisely in that area of the sky where the T.A.E. Air Transport Company's *Supercaravelle* was flying at the time.

The UFO, or UFOs, so it would appear, were picked up by the radars at Barcelona and Valencia, and by the Air Defence Command Headquarters itself. As is well known, the Defence Headquarters is linked to an extensive and sophisticated radar system throughout the whole length and breadth of Spain.

In view of this incident with the airliner at Valencia, and in view of the constant presence of unidentified echoes registered over the land territories and territorial waters of Spain, the Air Defence Headquarters ordered two F-1 fighters to take off from the Air Force Base at Los Llanos, near Albacete, on an intercept mission five minutes after the air liner had landed.

And, although I have of course not yet been able to secure official confirmation for this part of the information in my possession, it seems that the pilots of the fighter craft did succeed in establishing visual contact with the UFO. It seems indeed that one of the F-1 fighters was even subjected to several sudden close approaches on the part of one of the UFOs.

Enquiry started

Shortly after the air-liner had landed, the Captain and his two co-pilots and the flight engineer – all of whom had seen the UFO – underwent a series of official interrogations. As is usual in all cases of this sort the Spanish Air Force – in common with almost all the air forces in the world – initiates an extensive investigation and appoints an official with the title of *Juez-Informador* to preside over it. He is generally a high ranking Air Force officer. In the present case, the enquiry is still in progress and is obviously secret.

The fact that the passengers were not informed of what had happened, but were simply suddenly accommodated in one of the hotels near Manises, led to the sort of comments and enquiries – generally pretty angry – that might logically be expected to come from passengers in such a situation.

All the same, I feel that Captain Tejada and his crew were extremely wise to act as they did. For what might have happened aboard the aircraft had the pilot told the passengers what was really going on outside? It was far wiser to avoid all possible panics or accidents by not telling them, at least not at the time, what was in the close vicinity of their plane.

Need for a thorough study

As I have said already, this is not the first of such cases. Nor is it likely to be the last that will take place in our skies.

I am moved therefore to remind those officials who have the supreme positions of responsibility for security in the air – and, most particularly, the Spanish Air Force – of the urgent need to proceed with a thoroughgoing study of the whole UFO Problem, treating the matter seriously, and with due regard to all its potential consequences.

During this present year, over 200 UFO cases have been recorded in Spain. Isn't this figure a sufficiently eloquent reason for trying to get to the bottom of the UFO Problem once and for all time?

The Spanish Air Force Headquarters – as I know for a fact – are themselves in possession of an extensive dossier, containing more than thirty cases that occurred in Spain. I myself have received directly, from the hands of several of their high-ranking generals, a total of fourteen files which confirm this.

Moreover, if the Air Force has a group of officers and chiefs who genuinely are sufficiently well versed in it all to be able to carry out the study and investigation of this subject – and I know several of them myself – then why not appoint a Special Commission who, working in collaboration with a number of scientists of standing and with civilian investigators, who draw up a report throwing light on the UFO Problem?

Now might well be the right moment to do this. Or do we have to go on waiting until public opinion starts demanding explanations from those who are responsible for the country's security?

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For further information on this case readers are advised to turn to the World Round-up item on page 31 – EDITOR.

THE LLANERCHYMEDD UFO

WERE OCCUPANTS OBSERVED AS WELL?

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DURING the evening of Friday, September 1, 1978, the small Anglesey village of Llanerchymedd was the location of a remarkable series of UFO sightings. These included observations of a red and white bullet-shaped object seen to descend to ground level, a rectangular purple and blue object with yellow lights, and two independent sightings of strange humanoids. This concentration of events took place between 8.00 p.m. and 11.00 p.m., creating great excitement among the villagers.

A thorough investigation into the affair has been conducted by the Federation of UFO Research, Derek James, and the author. Wherever possible full on-site investigations were carried out, but due to the limited time available it was difficult to interview every witness. We did, however, obtain the testimony of several percipients of each incident.

The Location

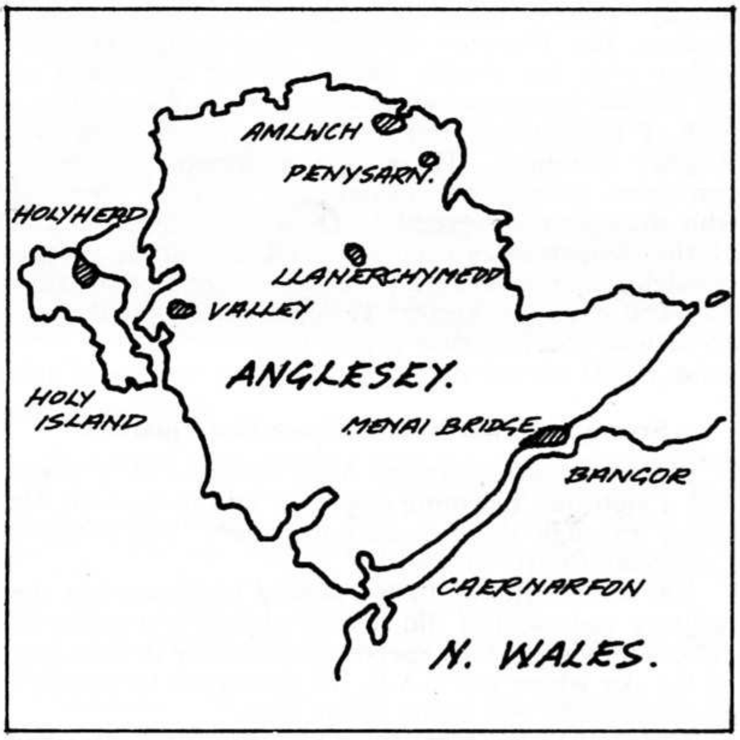
The incidents occurred on Anglesey, off the coast of North Wales. Geologically the island contains some of the oldest rocks in Britain, overlain with uneven patches of till, in some places in the form of *drumlins.* The scenery is subdued and rather uninteresting, except on the north eastern coast between Amlwch and Beaumaris. Large areas are under cultivation, but many stretches are covered with gorse, and in the south-west are areas of sand-dunes. Anglesey has a population of 58,000, and more of them are now engaged in industry than in agriculture.

Llanerchymedd is situated in the northern section of the island, and is a typical small village community. It is centred on a main street, the B5112, and partly on the B5111. A market square lies at the intersection of these two roads, the village comprising a mixture of both old houses and new estates. The recently-built estate of Maes Athen is the precise location from which the objects and humanoids were seen. The O.S. Ref. for the village is SJ 418839, sheet 114, 1:50 000, 2nd series.

The surrounding area is a somewhat irksome and thinly populated moorland. Sheep and cattle graze the fields, although several crop growing areas are worthy of note.

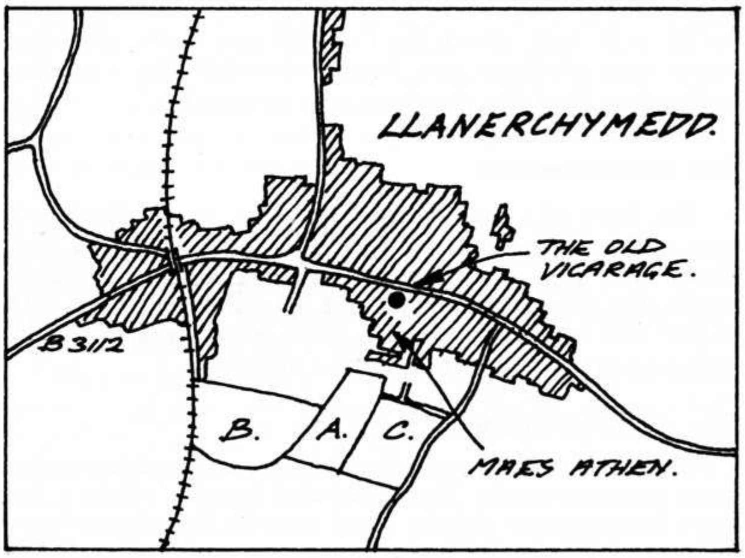
The events

1. At about 5.30 p.m. on Friday, September 1, 1978, Mrs. Helen Roberts and Mrs. Glynwin Hughs were out walking their dogs on the outskirts of the village. They suddenly realised that the sky was a most unusual red colour, and that the atmosphere was heavier and quieter than normal. As they looked up they saw a lone "cloud" floating slowly across the sky. They described this as roughly circular in shape, with a white upper section while the lower part was black. It was the only cloud in this area of the sky, and consequently appeared to the ladies to be rather peculiar. They watched it for some thirty or so minutes as they walked, and during this period it gradually drifted out of sight.



It is suggested you pronounce it THLAN-ERCH-Y-METH – *ED.*

2. At 8.00 p.m. someone knocked on Mrs. Betty Owen's door at 20, Maes Athen, and told her to "...come out quick, there's something shiny in the sky." She hurried out and saw a sharply-defined round silver light in the sky at low elevation. As she stood looking at it she was aware that the cows in Oldsmith field were running about as if disturbed. Thinking the light was possibly only a star, she went back inside her home after a few minutes.



The village and the three fields A, B and C

3. At about the same time William Jones, Eilian Williams, Alwyn Smith, and a couple of other lads from the village, were playing a game of football in Oldsmith field. William suddenly caught sight of an odd light in the darkening sky. He watched as it approached very rapidly from the south in a slight angled descent but on a straight path, and it suddenly came to an abrupt halt before beginning to drop to the ground. At this stage he pointed it out to his colleagues, and they all watched as it descended. There was some discrepancy as to how it actually did this; William said he thought it was about the apparent size of the full moon and that as it descended it gradually got smaller, whilst Eilian thought it was originally of apparent moon size, and that it pulsated regularly to the size of a star or planet. All the boys described a silver/white light that was spherical and gave off bright white light to the surrounding area.

After watching it for some five minutes, during which time it fell slowly in a vertical trajectory, the group of boys ran off as they were scared by its appearance. It seems very likely that this was the same light as seen by Mrs. Owen in 2.

4. The fourth sighting is the most detailed and interesting, in that the three boy witnesses (David Mark Hesketh aged 11, William Lewis Smith aged 11, and Paul Jukes) managed to observe more of the light's physical attributes. David also alleges to have seen two strange humanoids walking slowly across Oldsmith field.

At 20.15 they were out playing football in the Maes Athen streets. They were suddenly startled by a weird light that was descending slowly into the trees to the south of the village. At this stage David thought it was a helicopter, but closer observation soon proved this was not the case.

Both David and William described a white "bullet-shaped light" that was of a uniform colour and surrounded by a distinct red band/glow. Across the centre of the object was a series of smaller red lights, and William claims also to have seen a red light on top.

When first seen the object was at 17 degrees elevation and was slightly larger in size than the apparent half degree subtended by the full moon. After watching it for a short time David ran to the gate leading into Oldsmith field and was followed by his two friends. They continued to observe the light from the gate, and as it came lower they could distinguish two protrusions on either side. These are shown in figure 1.

By now the boys were becoming perturbed and quickly discussed what they should do. During the short ensuing conversation they temporarily lost their concentration, and on looking back they saw that the object had altered its appearance. It was now at 4 degrees elevation and appeared spherical. William claims that he saw it "explode" into this new shape (figure 2).

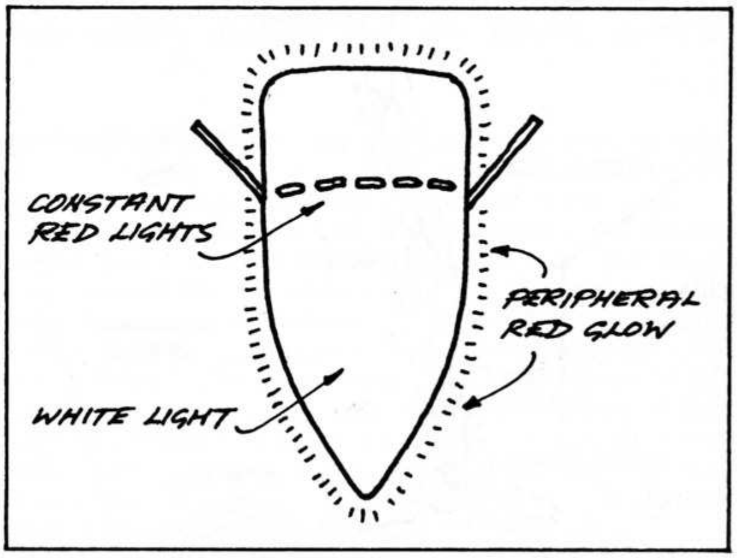


Figure 1: Object nearing ground, event 4

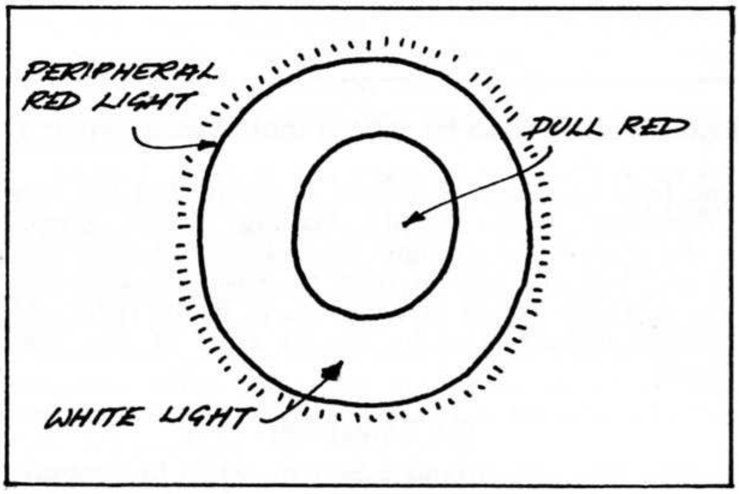


Figure 2: New "exploded" shape, event 4

David then went on to say that it now appeared as two circles, an inner red circle surrounded by white. From the circumference of this white circle a red glow was emitted. By now it was very nearly at ground level above the visible horizon of trees to the south of the village. It seemed to be descending

behind these and made them — as far as David could tell — shake violently. In a few seconds it fell from sight behind the trees, leaving only a white glow apparently at ground level. At this juncture William and Paul ran off, leaving David alone in the field into which he had climbed (figure 3).

No sound had been heard throughout the sighting, and the boys had noticed that the local cows seemed very upset. They were rushing madly from

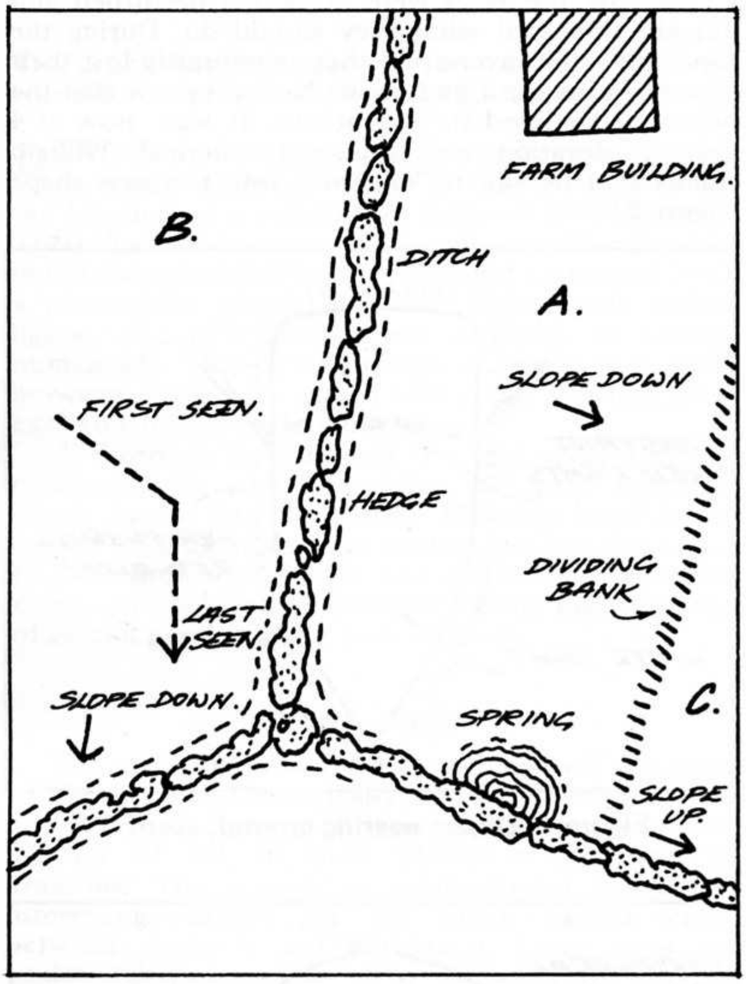


Figure 3: Path taken by entities (not to scale), event 4

one field to another, William claiming that this was subsequent to the virtual landing of the object.

By now David thought he had seen all there was to see, but this was far from the case. His attention was suddenly drawn to a movement in the field, and looking towards this he caught sight of two odd figures.

The Humanoids

The time was around 8.20 p.m. when he first saw the two figures. Both were estimated as being about six feet tall, and were seemingly dressed in one-piece suits. Although the light was fading by this time, he was able to make out certain details of the entities, mainly their dress. The two figures were estimated to have been a mere 115 metres from the witness. A quote from David would seem relevant here:—

"They walked one behind the other, the second figure being 10-15 feet behind the first. They seemed to be very tall, although I could not make out the lower half of their legs, hands or head, this was due to the fact that the darkness was closing in."

The first humanoid

Because of encroaching darkness only the torso and arms of the first figure could be made out. The torso was grey in colour, with a black band running vertically down the back, and a bright red band just above the waist (figure 4). Both arms looked black, and no hands, head or legs were visible.

The second humanoid

This entity was viewed sideways on and from the knee area upwards. The head and hands could not be seen but certain details were noted. The figure was seemingly dressed in a one-piece suit, this being coloured grey all over with a fuzzy white band running horizontally just above the waistline. The material of the suit was crinkled in the waist area (figure 4).

The movements

The two entities walked slowly across the field, one behind the other, the foremost holding its arms above its head and shaking them from side to side. Seeing this odd motion, David shouted and waved his arms in reply trying to attract their attention. There was no response to this. A few seconds later both figures turned to their right and proceeded to

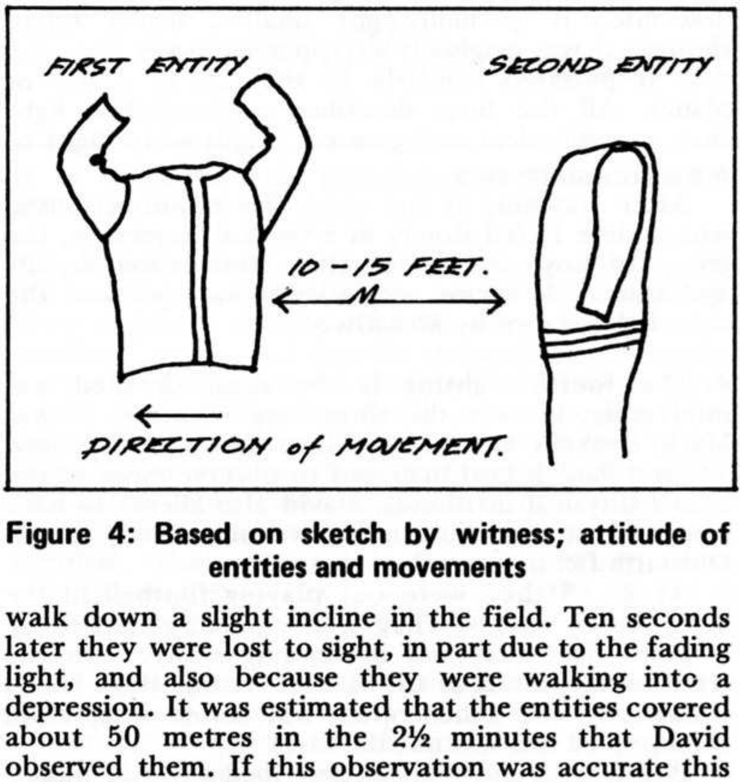


Figure 4: Based on sketch by witness; attitude of entities and movements

walk down a slight incline in the field. Ten seconds later they were lost to sight, in part due to the fading light, and also because they were walking into a depression. It was estimated that the entities covered about 50 metres in the 2½ minutes that David observed them. If this observation was accurate this would be consistent with his statement that they were walking very slowly.

David last saw the figures at about 8.23 p.m. By this time he could no longer see the glow from the object. Feeling quite worried by the sighting he

climbed out of the field and ran with a friend to call the police. It seems very probable that this light was the same light as seen by the other set of boys and Mrs. Hughs, and this is very useful since it would mean there are several sets of independent witnesses as to its mode of descent.

5. As Mrs. Patricia Owen, a housewife aged 21, stood outside her home at 27, Maes Athen, casually chatting to a neighbour, she had no idea that in a few minutes she was to witness something that would greatly disturb her for months to come.

She was still talking when the boy from next door ran up and shouted: "There was a flying saucer that landed in the field." Thinking he had seen a helicopter she went inside with her daughter, Adelle, aged 2, to obtain a better look from the upstairs window. The time was about 8.20 p.m. as she hurried to the back bedroom and gazed out over the fields.

Her attention was drawn to a movement behind a hedge, and the realisation of what she could now see caused her great fear. A mere 96 metres from her were three beings of humanoid shape, each six feet tall, walking up the field (see figure 5). They were side by side, dressed in matt-grey one-piece suits, and had the form of slim males. She could only see them from the rear and from the waist upwards, and no facial features were visible (figure 6). At no time did they appear to make any gestures, and they simply walked slowly up the slight incline in the field towards a spring. Their arms and head were in proportion to their bodies but, unfortunately, no details of the suit could be seen at that distance. The head was covered by a continuation of the suit, in the same manner as an anorak. After watching for about half a minute (calculated from psychological and practical tests), in which time they took about 20-25 paces each, she became very scared and called to the boys in the field to go and fetch the police. It is uncertain whether these boys were those already discussed, but it is known that she did not tell them what she had been able to see.

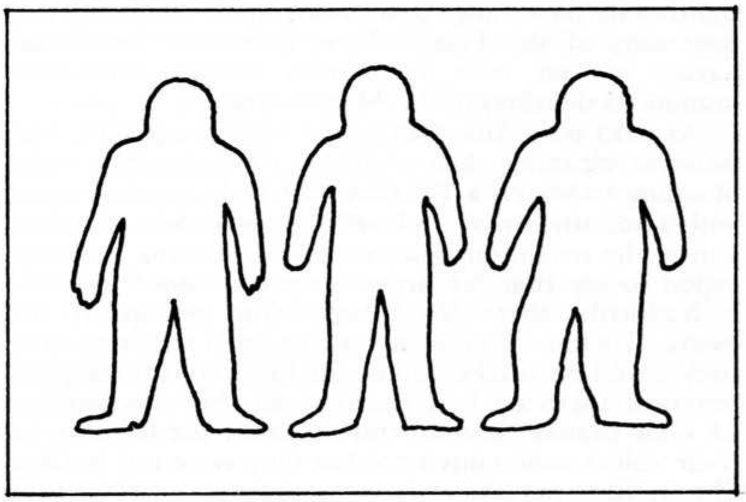


Figure 6: Based on sketch by Mrs. Owen. How the three entities appeared – from behind, event 5

She then hurried downstairs and went to Market Square where she was supposed to meet her husband at 9.00 p.m. During this time, Mrs. Patricia Parry (witness to be discussed shortly) arrived and spoke to her. Mrs. Parry said when I interviewed her that Pat was apparently very worried and upset, and that this was visible in her actions and speech. This would lend support to the fact that she had had a traumatic experience.

When I spoke to Pat Owen she was still upset by the sighting, and indeed she could not sleep at night for seven days after the incident. I found her to be a very down-to-earth housewife who cared greatly for her daughter and the house she lived in. One fact that must be recorded is that she made the sighting without her glasses, these having been broken by her daughter when they first moved in. However, the reported details were consistent with this, and the fact that the light was fading rapidly.

Whether these entities were those seen by David we will never know, but their height and general appearance may suggest this. What is very important, however, is that these two witnesses reported having seen strange creatures entirely independently, a situation rarely ever come across. This aspect of the case makes it potentially very important for future research work.

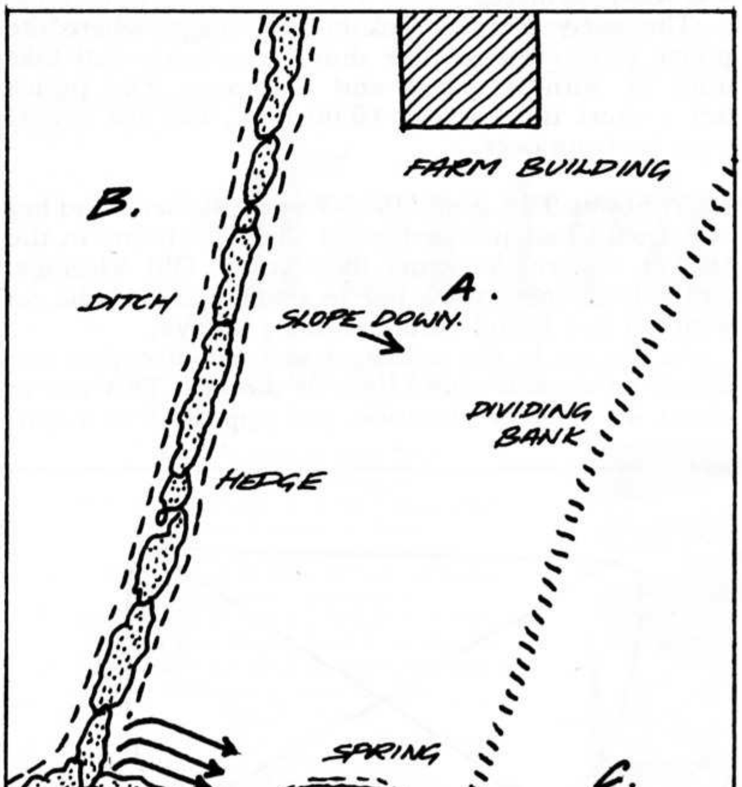


Figure 5: Mrs. Patricia Owen's sighting. The arrows indicate paths taken by entities

6. We now turn to yet another corroboration of the

sighting of the strange descending light, this being the testimony of Mrs. Patricia Parry (mentioned earlier as having spoken with Pat Owen shortly after her humanoid sighting) of 39, Maes Athen.

At 8.15 p.m. Mrs. Parry, a housewife aged 27, was outside cleaning her neighbour's car. She was planning to watch a TV film that began at that time, and a minute or so before it started Mrs. Patricia Jones, the neighbour whose vehicle she was washing, called to say that the programme was about to start.

Suddenly three local boys (the percipients in event 4) came running down the road shouting that they could see a UFO. Since the local boys often play practical jokes on her, she thought this was another of their pranks, but on this occasion the urgency in their voices soon convinced her they were not jesting. She in turn ran after them as they tore off up the road.

As she reached the corner of the street she saw an oval light in the south-west at about 30 degrees elevation. It was silver/white, apparently solid, and seemed to be hovering over the fields a short distance away. After it had hovered in this position for about a minute, during which time it rotated in an anti-clockwise manner, it began to recede, dropping in a slight curved arc as it did so. It eventually dropped to about 5 degrees and came to a halt, hovering just above the trees and illuminating them with bright white light for a period of about two minutes.

In appearance the light was slightly smaller than the full moon, and after watching it for some three minutes or so, she went back towards her home. Suddenly, she heard David Hesketh shout that it had landed, and she hurried back to see if she could see this. By the time she arrived at the scene the light was no longer visible.

An interesting thing she did notice was that the dog across the street, a Golden Labrador that is normally very placid, was barking loudly and straining frantically at its leash. Going back into her house she told her husband what she had seen, and after she had described it to him he said it was probably a UFO.

The day after seeing the light Mrs. Parry had a bad attack of migraine. I asked her about this, and she informed me that although she does suffer from that complaint, on this occasion it was the worst attack she had ever experienced. Whether or not the attack was related to the sighting is difficult to say, but it remains a possibility. Mrs. Parry suffered no other ill effects.

Mrs. Parry is one of the most important witnesses to the evening's events, particularly because she could give an almost precise time for the sighting. I consider her claim was a genuine one.

7. Mr. John Roberts was the next witness we located, and it turned out that his testimony would be very valuable. Although he did not see a great deal of the descending light, the circumstances in which he saw it were most fortunate, for he was in a field opposite his farm, Plas Gynaf, which is to the south of the village. He was therefore independent of all the other witnesses, and in essence he described exactly the same white light.

He said he suddenly caught sight of "a huge white light" descending very slowly from the sky. From his location it was just a few degrees to the north of east, and as he concentrated on watching it he saw that it was falling slowly. Although he could say no more about what he had seen, his testimony was invaluable for it corroborated the sighting made by the other groups of witnesses.

Commotion in the village

By this time the village was in an uproar, with people flocking about trying to find out what was happening. The police from Amlwch had arrived at about 9.10 p.m. after being called by David Hesketh and some of his friends. One of the constables was P. Pritchards, and Derek James and I interviewed him at some length. He took the three boys David, William and Paul Jukes up the road that leads almost due south out of the village. By torch light they searched the fields where the object had apparently landed, but they found nothing. On the return journey the boys shouted excitedly that they could see a white light actually on the ground. This was a short way back and in the fields. Pc. Pritchards stopped the van and they all got out, but by this time nothing was to be seen. At our interview Mr. Pritchards was very helpful and confirmed that this was what occurred.

The party arrived back in the village, where the police proceeded to take short statements and take note of witness names and addresses. The police left a short time before 10.00 p.m., but the events were far from over.

8. At about 9.55 p.m. Miss Vivienne Roberts and her boy friend had just arrived at the girl's home in the Market Square. Vivienne lives at the Old Vicarage, and it is customary for her to sit and chat in the car with her boy friend before saying goodbye.

As she sat in the passenger seat her attention was drawn to a small round light in the sky. This was at about 45 degrees elevation and appeared as a star-

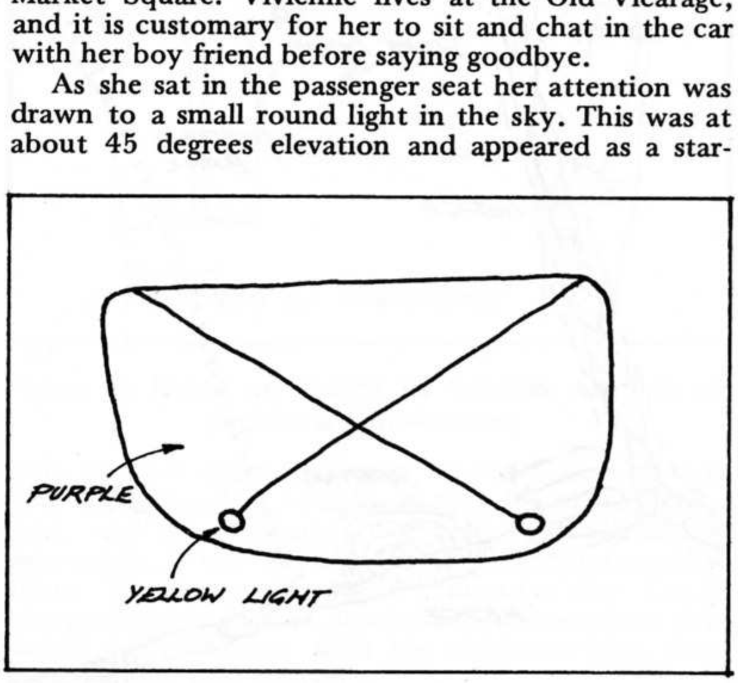


Figure 7: Based on Vivienne Roberts' sketch, the object seen in event 8

sized yellow light that was stationary. It suddenly disappeared like a light being switched off, only to be followed by the almost instantaneous appearance of a second identical light. This was slightly above the position of the first light and had a well-defined and apparently solid shape. A couple of seconds later this too disappeared.

To her amazement, a very short time after this one had gone, an object burst into view. It was triangular in shape and Prussian blue in colour. It had a lighter section around it (see witness's drawing in figure 7), and was 'purplish' in colour. In addition the object had two yellow lights, presumably those already described. These were at the outer lower extremity of the object, the whole of which gave the appearance of being solid.

Miss Roberts got out of the car and sat on the wall outside her house. As she watched she realised that the object had begun to move, and she likened its movement to that of a "snail," but she could not recall if she had seen how it started to move. It moved slowly in a southerly direction, at no time altering its ponderous motion. It was slightly larger than the apparent size of the full moon and seemed about as bright as a star (admittedly ambiguous, but she could not elucidate without significant inaccuracy). Having watched it for some 20 seconds or so Miss Roberts glanced away; on looking back it had gone. The object had illuminated the churchyard with a purple glow, and about three seconds after it had disappeared she noticed that the local horses were making a noise as though they were disturbed. She could not recall such a thing happened previous to that evening.

Later than night she went to see her own horses, and to her dismay found that they too were very upset. It took her a good five minutes to get them to come to her and she observed that this was most unusual. When they finally did come to her they were sweating heavily, which was unusual.

Miss Roberts' boy friend also claims to have seen the object, but he only saw a white star-like light that performed a figure of eight movement before shooting off across the sky at immense speed. Unfortunately he was not available to be interviewed, but this brief second-hand account would seem to suffice.

Strange metallic noises

At about 01.00 a.m. on the morning following her sighting, Vivienne Roberts was trying to get to sleep. The sighting had greatly upset her; indeed she had rushed into the house crying as the object had disappeared. As she lay in led she suddenly became aware of weird voices, seemingly from the yard immediately behind the Vicarage.

She said there were about a dozen of these and that they "sounded foreign." The voices were quiet and seemed to be conversing slowly. Miss Roberts described their "talk" as a series of "ooooo" sounds repeated in sequence, but unfortunately she could not recall this "conversation." These sounds terr-

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ified her, and during the ten or so minutes that they were audible, she dared not look out of her window to see the source. The noises upset the two family dogs, since they barked vigorously during the time she could hear them. A final point she made was that the noises sounded like the metallic voices of the "Daleks", in the BBC TV science fiction programme *Doctor Who.*

Vivienne Roberts was a helpful witness, and her reserved manner, and method of recounting her experiences were very impressive. It is difficult to comment on these eerie noises, but neither Vivienne nor her family have heard them before. There have been references in other reports to strange voices of this type, primarily originating from the Americas. I feel that this apsect of the experience is one that should be carefully considered, and not rejected out of hand.

9. Whilst Jeremy Burford and a few of his friends were out driving along a country lane to the south of the village, they saw an unusual light that was white and surrounded by a purple haze. This made several strange manoeuvres for about three minutes before shooting off at great speed to the north-west. This could have been the light seen by Miss Roberts' boy friend, although there is some discrepancy over the time.

10. We may now consider the last sighting made on this Friday night, but before we do so an important point should be stressed. This is that there is some uncertainty about the date of this sighting: did it occur on the Friday evening or on the following Saturday? There are several good reasons to accept that it did in fact occur on the Friday.

At 10.45 p.m. Mrs. Hilda Hughes and her daughter Wendy saw a strange landed light in a field behind Maes Athen. This is the filed marked A in figure 5. Wendy suddenly rushed into the house shouting "...come outside and look at this light in the field." Mrs. Hughes followed her daughter outside and, with two other witnesses, saw a spherical mass of white light on the ground. This pulsated slowly and had a hazy edge. It lit up the whole of the area very brightly, and the two witnesses were able to see it because it illuminated the spaces in the hedge behind which it was situated. After watching it for some three minutes they went to fetch Mr. Hughes but, on their return, the light had gone.

The apparent size of the object was estimated as being that of a pea held at arm's length, but, since the witness believed she had no drawing ability, she would not attempt to make a drawing.

This concludes the reported sightings for the Friday evening, but we will never know how many people observed the various manifestations of the phenomenon on that eventful night. Nor will we know if any other witness had a decidedly closer encounter about which they have kept quiet. We may only guess.

The investigations

Several other reports were unearthed for the following Sunday evening, but it was concluded that these were probably misidentifications generated by the excitement on the Friday night. The investigations into the case were conducted by the author, the Federation UFO Research based in Crewe, and Derek James formerly of UFOIN. Three full days of on-site interviews were conducted, and these included conversations with witnesses, officials from civilian and local government organisations and other local individuals to ascertain the extent of the events.

During the investigation on Saturday, September 9, Derek James and I located an area in a crop field that appeared to have been badly disturbed. It looked as though an object had gradually come down into the crop in a west to east direction, eventually coming to a halt and swirling the barley in a clockwise manner. The path was about 100 feet long, and the diameter of the swathed area was some fifteen feet. A thorough investigation of this was made and photographs were taken. Unfortunately the pictures of the area were not successful and premature comment by certain individuals involved with the case meant that this particular matter has become very confused. The investigators could find no apparent rational cause for the traces, namely the swathed barley and the path leading to it. The remainder of the investigations involved the normal door to door survey techniques, reconstruction exercises and so on.

Conclusions

A case of such complexity obviously presents difficulties in the matter of accurate evaluation. All relevant authorities – the M.O.D., North Wales Police and R.A.F. Valley – were contacted. Having interviewed virtually every witness I feel I can state that, within reason, they described true and objective experiences. All those I talked to were sensible and down-to-earth folk, and they all seemed genuinely puzzled by what they had seen.

The only possible misidentification the events could have represented was that of a military exercise from nearby RAF Valley. In this connection I would like to quote from a letter I received from Flight Lieutenant R.W. Barrett:—

'We at RAF Valley do not have ground exercises outside the confines of the Station boundary, so the figures you describe would not have been from this Station. Obviously, we have a variety of working clothes for various tasks, but the clothing you have described does not match any worn by the RAF.'

This is self-explanatory and rules out any suggestion that the entities seen were personnel from the RAF Station.

Checks for aircraft in the vicinity of the village were made; all proved negative. As far as can be ascertained there were no exercises over Llanerchymedd that night, and a conventional explanation of this type may be eliminated. The description of the object and humanoids does not fit any known terrestrial activities, and it seems

probable that there was at least one UFO which descended to ground level to the south of the village on the Friday evening. Independent witnesses observed humanoids seen on many previous occasions, and commonplace effects on the percipients and the animals were noted. Whatever it was that was observed that night was certainly mysterious and, something the Llanerchymedd villagers will not forget in a hurry.

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FSR BOOKSHELF - 1

NEW UFO BOOKS REVIEWED BY ... *Janet & Colin Bord*

MOST readers will know of the South Wales 1977 UFO wave which included sightings of silver-suited figures at Ripperston Farm. Last autumn saw the publication of three books about the wave.

The Welsh Triangle by **Peter Paget** (Panther paperback, £1.25) is aimed at the less critical, not to say sensation-seeking, section of the paperback-buying public. The back cover promises "Astonishing evidence" and "the facts they tried to silence." The author has visited the area and talked to witnesses, and the events at Ripperston Farm and elsewhere are dealt with fairly accurately though briefly. There is also plenty of padding consisting of other previously published cases not connected with Wales. Also, the "triangle" of the title is a wholly spurious device only existing in Mr. Paget's imagination but obviously designed to link his book with those best-selling paperbacks on the Bermuda Triangle. He believes the UFO entities are space explorers who have established a subterranean base on Stack Rocks and are watching the activities at a secret underground base the Americans have built at RAF Brawdy, on the north side of St. Bride's Bay. In the tradition of pop paperback writers the author is prone to make wild, unsubstantiated statements such as "...research shows that every standing stone in Britain is in a direct line with two or more other prehistoric sites" (p.93). As no one knows how many thousands of standing stones there are, nor where they all are, this is obviously ridiculous. Likewise the statement that UFOs follow leys (p. 96). This is a pleasing idea but regrettably no one has yet come within a mile of proving it. A book to read for amusement, but not to be taken too seriously.

A more professional effort is **The Uninvited** by **Clive Harold** (Star paperback, 95p). Here the author concentrates exclusively on Ripperston Farm, giving a chronological account of the events there. But he writes in an irritatingly fictional style with a great deal of reported speech, and descriptions of events that he could not have witnessed personally. If the over-dramatized presentation is not too disturbing, then you will probably find this gives a more intimate day-to-day picture of the lives of some of the principals concerned with this strange business than does Peter Paget's somewhat bare account.

Undoubtedly the best of the three books is **The Dyfed Enigma** by **Randall Jones Pugh** and **F.W. Holiday** Faber and Faber hardback, £5.95). Everyone concerned with serious UFO research will want to read this, as both authors were local men (regrettably F. W. Holiday did not live to see publication) and had been seriuosly interested in the UFO problem for a number of years. The book covers the major cases of the St Bride's Bay area during 1976-7 and its great asset is the detailed accounts of the author's interviews. However, we are less happy with Chapter 6, "The Ley Correlation." A possible link between UFOs and leys (**not** 'ley-lines') has intrigued many authors, including ourselves, but so far no one has produced satisfactory evidence for this link. Pugh and Holiday have found that occasionally a UFO sighting seems to have taken place on or close to a ley, but a few seemingly valid instances of this are supported by a number of dubious leys which overall weaken their case. Although they state (p.106) that leys are alignments of 'a great number' of ancient sites, their ley plans show many 2-point alignments. Such an alignment is not a ley! And 3-point alignments are not necessarily leys, either. The UFO/ley case made out in Chapter 6 is much weaker than the authors would have us believe. **The Dyfed Enigma** will be reviewed fully in Vol. 25 No. 6.

Today the line between fact and fiction is becoming increasingly ill-defined and a book such as **An Account of a Meeting with Denizens of Another World, 1871** edited and with commentary by **David Langford** (David & Charles hardback, £4.50) merely causes greater confusion. It purports to be a recently discovered account by one William Robert Loosley (1838-93) who wrote that in 1871 he had an encounter with a UFO and two robot entities on a Buckinghamshire hilltop. He told no one, but later wrote his account and concealed it in a secret compartment in his dark. Editor Langford makes out a fairly convincing case for the existence of Loosley, but presents nothing to convince us that his manuscript ever existed. We have reviewed this book at greater length, with a challenge to the author, in *Fortean Times.*

Jenny Randles and **Peter Warrington's UFOs: A British Viewpoint** (Robert Hale hardback, £5.25) has been reviewed at length in vol.25 no.4, but as professional photographers of more than 30 year's experience, we were particularly interested in the book's UFO photographs and their interpretation. To avoid future confusion, we should point out that the technique used by George Manson to fake the UFO photograph, "sticking cut-out shapes on to glass and then photographing a sky scene through it," is **not** described by photographers as "back projection." Back projection is the "projection of a picture on the back of a translucent screen instead of on to the front of a reflecting one" (*The Focal Encyclopaedia of Photography*, 1969 edition). The nearest technique to that described in the photo caption is one used by Hollywood studios and known as a glass shot. This is when a large sheet of glass is placed vertically in front of a scene and a skilled artist paints on to the glass a fake background, for example, which when seen from the camera viewpoint matches up perfectly with the real scene in the foreground.

Another surprise in the book's photo section is the first picture, which the authors appear to cautiously accept as genuine but which to us has very much the appearance of a hoax. The giveaway is the first trace in the dark sky which echoes the same path as the main light trace, thereby indicating that it was not the illuminated point source of light whch was moving while the camera remained still with the shutter open, but that the camera itself was moved about while the shutter was open and two sources of light, one bright and one dim, traced identical paths on the film. Judging from the rest of the scene, they may possibly have been lights on the outside of a public building.

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The affair of UFO author M. K. Jessup and the Allende Letters is one of many apocryphal stories from the 1950s, along with the Maury Island sighting and Bender's MIBs, which for ever seem to hover on the edge of the ufologist's consciousness, never able to gain acceptance as genuine cases, and yet the possibility always remains that perhaps there was some real fire behind all the smoke. Briefly, in the 1950s M. K. Jessup, an astronomer and UFO author, was publicly urging that government funds should be directed towards antigravity research and to exploring the possibilities in Einstein's Unified Field Theory. He received some weird, misspelt letters from a Carlos Allende saying that the navy had done similar experiements in the 1940s and had caused a destroyer to disappear and reappear elsewhere. The affect on the crew had been disastrous and the experiments had been stopped. At the same time a copy of Jessup's UFO book had been anonymously sent to the Office of Naval Research in Washington. This copy had various coloured annotations and underlinings implying that the writers knew a lot more about UFOs than anyone else on earth. The navy were sufficiently interested to ask Jessup to come and discuss it with them. All attempts to locate Carlos Allende failed and since then the story has intrigued many UFO writers who, with varying accuracy, have related the above details with their added comments. **Charles Berlitz** and **William Moore** have in **The Philadelphia Experiment** (Souvenir Press hardback, £4.95) taken up a cold scent and apparently researched every possible line of enquiry. They have uncovered some intriguing details but we do not feel we are giving anything away if we say that the final conculsion remains inconclusive. Perhaps the answer still lies buried deep within naval files, or perhaps the whole affair never took place. Those readers to whom this story is new will want this book as a comprehensive account of a ufological mystery; old hands who have been following the saga for years will need it for the latest facts and thinking about one of ufology's perennial enigmas. The book has photographs and a bibliography, but no index.

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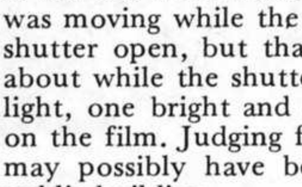
Finally, a brief word about a book in which we have more than a passing interest. In FSR vol.25 no.3, in our article *The UFO/Bigfoot Connection*, we mentioned that our new book **Alien Animals** was due to be published in the autumn of 1979. Those who have tried to obtain it have been unsuccessful because publication was postponed to March 1980 (Paul Elek/Granada hardback, £6.95). In the book, besides describing sightings of lake monsters, giant birds and birdmen, phantom black dogs, out-of-place big cats, and Bigfoot, we discuss the many theories as to their nature. We found that the alien animal phenomenon has certain similarities to the UFO phenomenon, a discovery which does nothing to solve the UFO mystery but does give us all plenty to think about.



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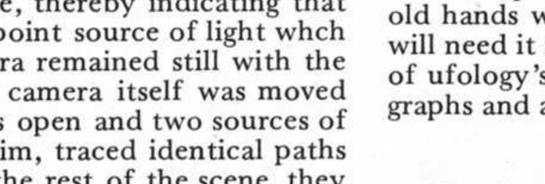

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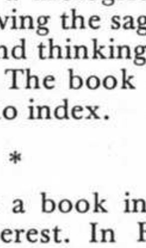

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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: A Better Explanation, by Clifford Wilson, Ph.D. and John Weldon, paperback; Master Books, San Diego, Cal., U.S.A.

WE ARE NOT ALONE. by Walter Sullivan. Signet paperback; New American Library Inc., P.O. Box 999, Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621, U.S.A.

UFO PHENOMENA AND THE BEHAVIOURAL SCIENTIST. edited by Richard F. Haines. The Scarecrow Press Inc., Metuchen, N.J. and London.

THE better explanation deserves careful consideration: the authors of **Close Encounters: A better explanation** feel strongly that UFO and allied manifestations are activities of anti-Christ. What they have to say is backed by evidence, much of it drawn from past issues of *Flying Saucer Review*. We are aware that some have abandoned our subject as evil; perhaps they expected too much from it. This re-reviewer has never thought that UFOs have any more to do with spiritual reality than has the discovery of a new tribe in some jungle. Christianity, surely, widens human horizons and there are parts of the gospels which could be taken to refer, both favourably and unfavourably, to the astonishing developments in this century. However, we recommend all who share our aim of understanding the phenomena, to weigh the arguments and strong feeling of this book.

Turning to the scientific approach, the next book, Walter Sullivan's **We are not alone**, has a good index and list of references, dealing with the search for intelligent life on other worlds and the observational evidences prompting the application of new methods of communication in this exercise. Nikola Tesla, asked to predict likely developments in this century and having, like Marconi, received radio signals he believed to be artificial, replied in 1900: "Faint and uncertain though they were, they have given me a deep conviction and foreknowledge, that ere long all human beings on this globe, as one, will turn the eyes to the firmament above, with feelings of love and reverence, thrilled by the glad news: 'Brethren! We have a message from another world, unknown and remote!' " This belief, that communication with extraterrestrial intelligent life would unite humanity, is appealing and it was Adamski's hope; however, one wonders whether it puts the cart before the horse: earthly interest in a Venusian brother could be less than in the military possibilities of his scout-ship. Nevertheless, the century has one-fifth still to come.

Dr. Haines' compendium **UFO Phenomena and the Behavioural Scientist** offers much more than the layman might imagine. Particularly interesting is Dr. Leo Sprinkle's investigation of the Carl Higdon case (reported in FSR Vol.21, No.3/4): the variety of occupants and vehicles is one of the greatest puzzles of the UFO phenomenon. Chapters in the book are contributed by eleven authorities and each argues for his own discipline; e.g. Chapter 5: "...UFO sightings are related to social factors." Another argues that electric shock from charges in the earth are responsible. One author comments: "In the final analysis, the major differences between science and superstition is the ability of science to make quantative predictions about the occurrence of some phenomenon." This, surely, would apply to natural phenomena only: if intelligence or volition on the part of aliens or puppeteers were involved, then developments would, to that extent, be in their hands. If the phenomenon is superstition, the creation of human belief, we are reminded of the pantheon of Greek mythology. Flourishing from the sixth century B.C., the Delphic oracle declined during Roman times and "Christianity struck the final blow. Nobody believed any more in the prophecies of Apollo... The romantic lover of the past, Emperor Julian, made a last effort to revive the ancient religion, but the Pythoness gave a hopeless reply to the Emperor's delegates which indeed proved to be her own swan song: 'Tell the King that the rich palace of the god lies deep in the earth. Apollo no longer dwells here.' " (*What to see in Greece*, by Ev. Penteas). Classical mythology did not revive with the Renaissance: the Church saw to that. Did it leave a gap for a materialistic age and are we witnessing, in the UFO pheonomenon, the growth of a new mythology suited to powered flight and space travel?

On another tack and agreeable to the argument in Chapter 7 that human consciousness creates, is this quotation, in the Introduction, from an article by Nichols and Alexander (1977) dealing with the impact of science fiction upon man's various enterprises: "...it is almost ironic that the media that have made science fiction more accessible to the masses (TV, radio, movies) were once the speculations of science fiction. There is an amazing connection here, a subtle yet also overt interrelation wherein the medium expounding the message also is (and increasingly becomes) the message itself. We live in a scientific age, an age of future shock – an age in which it is becoming more difficult daily to distinguish between everyday reality and science fiction." If we keep our eye on the ball, what we ought to be doing is studying the various propulsive systems UFOs appear to use and experimenting to understand and control the natural forces involved, which may be simpler than we imagine. The world needs cheap, safe energy. Also, think what it would mean to be able, silently, to rescue a hostage and lift to safety the starving victims of guerrilla warfare!

UFO – WITH OCCUPANTS? – NEAR MAIDSTONE

Patricia Grant

Report of an investigation conducted for UFOIN and *Flying Saucer Review.* Data: July 25, 1975 Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent CE3d Level A

THIS case concerns a middle-aged lady (about fifty years old) who works as an Invoice Typist. She wishes total anonymity. Her testimony was first given to the BBC a few days after the sighting, but they did not pursue the case. She then wrote to the *Daily Express* UFO Bureau in early 1978 – from which I came to investigate the case. Investigation has taken some time due to the frequent unavailability of the witness.

The Events

The day in question was warm and sunny with a clear blue sky. The time was between noon and 1.00 p.m. and the witness (whom we shall call by the pseudonym Mary) was hanging out her washing in the garden of her home in a popular residential area. She took a casual glance at the sky "as one would do occasionally" and spotted a strange object quite high up. She was transfixed as she watched it descend to hover over a clump of trees in the adjoining garden. She estimates at this closest point that it was only 25–30 feet off the ground and in size appeared 18 inches at arm's length (i.e. very large).

In shape she describes it as like a spinning top. She has done a drawing of it at low level, but this basically just shows the top view, as it was tilted slightly towards her on hovering. This had two portholes in the top – through which occupants were seen. As for the side-on shape, she had been given a large selection of shapes to choose from and had picked out three – each of which is totally distinctive. It is most uncertain which is the closest. Of A she says "the one I distinctly saw whilst hanging out my washing" while B "...does not appear to have much room to be able to see two men as I have described them." The colour of the object was silvery all over and it made no sound, even at closest approach.

The witness felt no effects during the sighting, but does say that the area was very quiet. After watching the object start to move off she went inside to tell her husband. He thought she was seeing things. When she went back outside it had totally disappeared.

The occupants

Mary says that she saw two occupants through the upper portholes. She could only see them from their shoulders upwards but they seemed to be dressed in a silver suit and had "divers" helmets on. They were sitting and seemed to be in control. They had a very fair complexion and had staring blue eyes.[1] No attempt has been made to draw them.

Subsequent Events

Whether they be of any relevance whatsoever is another matter, but for the record the witness did respond to the question about other unusual events in the following way...

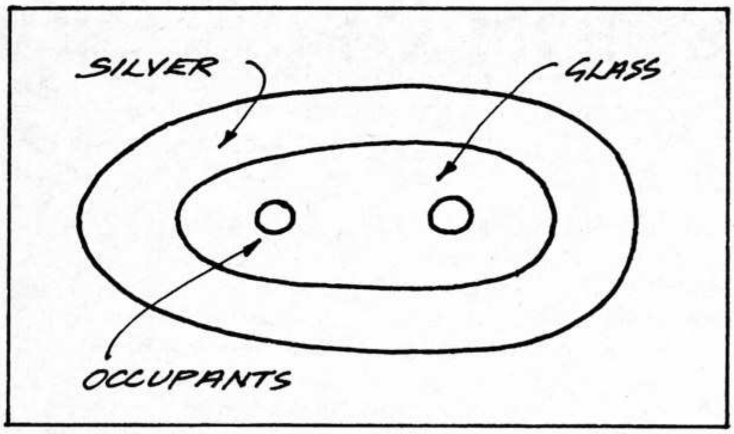
On June 3, 1979, during the investigation, her home was broken into. The police were puzzled because there were no signs of a break-in and nothing was apparently stolen. Nevertheless Mary had been awoken at 1.30 a.m. by someone trying to open the locked bedroom door. On later inspection the only thing amiss was that the telephone had been broken. She claims that only the "0" digit on the dial would turn. The others all stuck. The police succeeded in fixing it to the extent that it could be used for outgoing calls but when the GPO finally came they could not make it receive incoming calls. She was advised "Whatever they did, they have KO'd it this time" and the phone had to be replaced. It should be mentioned that several local burglaries were reported on that same night.

She further recounted an experience from earlier in 1979 when a light was seen flooding into her bedroom through the open curtains one night. The electric lightbulb that was on in the bedroom then went out – at the same moment as the light outside disappeared. She assumed that the bulb had just expired in the normal fashion, and thought no more about it.

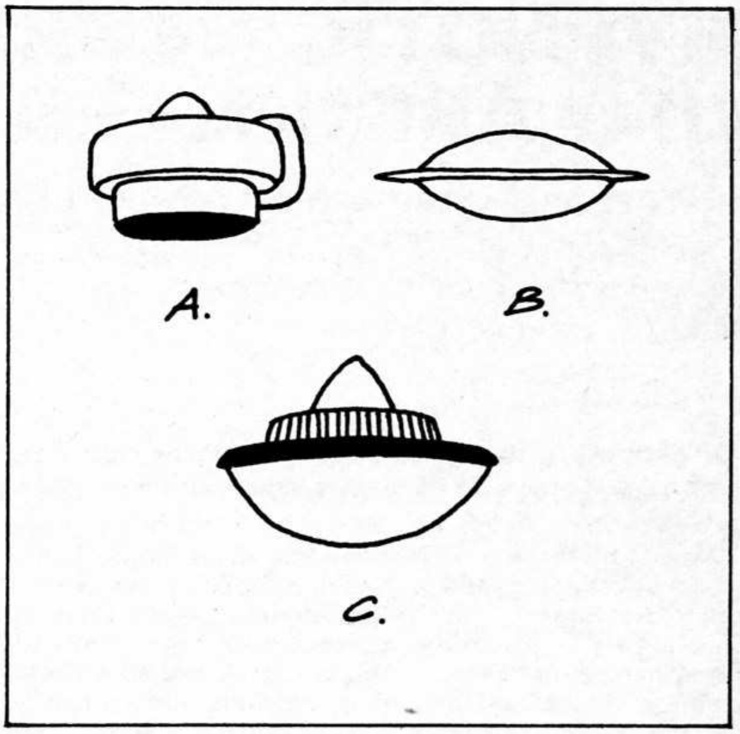
Unfortunately, at this point, the witness was becoming somewhat nervous and sensing a connection between the break-in and the investigation. I asked her if she wished the investigation to continue and she requested that we did not do so. Naturally I obliged, despite several matters being outstanding.

Conclusions

Unfortunately I am of the opinion that this story should be considered dubious, despite the apparent sincerity of the witness. There does seem evidence that Mary is prone to fantasy – or perhaps her memory is somewhat disorganised (or both). Another UFOIN investigator (who is a personal friend and who assures me did *not* act in the manner suggested) is alleged by Mary to have asked her for £45 to



The object, as it hovered, as drawn by Mary



Side-on shapes, as selected by Mary

appear in a film! The investigator in question can think of no way this can be a simple misundertstanding (nor can I). He in fact, most fortunately, kept all his correspondence with Mary and the only point to be noted on consulting this is a comment by her that goes: "I cannot afford to send the enrolment fee of £5. That is why I did not fill up the form that you sent me." The investigator cannot understand this comment.[2]

There are other problems too. The varying drawings for example. Her house is also extremely untidy and this indicates that she is somewhat disorganised. One must also ponder how such an object can appear on a Saturday afternoon over a popular residential area and be seen just by her.[3]

Furthermore Mary says that she has done little reading about UFOs, but does listen to Radio Medway with regularity – and they often produce UFO type programmes. Indeed my daughter has heard Mary on radio describing her own sighting.

I am inclined to treat this whole incident as the fantasy of a lonely and overly imaginative middle-aged lady. However, one must be objective and there are some plus sides to her argument.

Firstly her account given to me is basically the same as that given in the letter submitted to the *Daily Express* a year before. Secondly, she was subject to the typical *escalation of hypotheses* syndrome. She says: "I thought it was an aeroplane coming along and I kept listening. There was no sound at all and gradually it just came nearer and nearer...I waved, thinking it might be a helicopter, but I didn't see the tops of the helicopter in sight..."

My Secretary is slightly acquainted with one of Mary's neighbours, who has assured her that Mary is not regarded as being the least bit eccentric by anyone in the area. It should also be mentioned that her period of unavailability for interview was due to the fact that she was attending a government sponsored course for computer invoicing, as she had been made redundant from her invoice typing job shortly after her alleged sighting, and had been unable to find employment since (possibly causing some financial restraint and leading to the poor condition of her housekeeping). She completed the course successfully and is now employed in a capacity which uses this training. I would imagine that if she showed any signs of instability she would not have taken the course, let alone passed it.

In the end, therefore, the decision on this case must be left to the reader.

Notes (by author and Jenny Randles)

1 Mary is "far sighted" and wears spectacles for reading only. I have the same type of sight and am approximately the same age. I tested to see if her assertion that she could tell the eyes of the occupants were blue, from an alleged distance of about 35 feet or so, was feasible. Under good lighting conditions I *was* able to tell such a fact – even from a little greater distance than this. **P. Grant.**

2. It seems to me that this £5 may be the BUFORA annual subscription (which was notified to all *Daily Express* report writers, along with other details, in a reciprocal arrangement which included BUFORA sending FSR information to witnesses in their batch of reports) I was in fact responsible for the distribution of this data and not the UFOIN investigator in question (who contacted Mary shortly after this 'mailshot' had been sent to her)... **J. Randles.**

3. This 'isolation' factor is, of course, a hallmark of the close encounter experience and whilst it may indicate a subjective experience of some type it should *not* be counted as a negative factor against the validity of the basic experience...**J. Randles**

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HYPNOTIC REGRESSION OF UFO ABDUCTEES

HOW RELIABLE IS THE INFORMATION OBTAINED?

Ann Druffel

Well-known to readers of FSR, our contributor is associate editor of MUFON journal and organiser of Skynet, and is also a trained hypnotist

"SOMEBODY'S coming toward us...I don't know what's going on...A bunch of people just came into the house! They've got their arms on me and Jan!...They're shadowed...it looks like they're wearing, almost like a black ski mask but the whole thing is black and just their eyes are out... There's a little round, oh, I call it a 'ship'...it's above the water and we're headed for it!..."

As Sarah Shaw, a lovely woman in her forties, sat hypnotically entranced in the office of a Southland psychologist, the above story of a double-abduction by UFO entities unfolded. The date of the session was December 5, 1975. She was reliving events which happened to herself and her friend, Jan Whitley, in Tujunga, California, on March 22, 1953.

On May 18, 1977, Harrison E. Bailey, a black Baptist minister, was hypnotized by a California physician to bring out forgotten details of a close enounter with an oval, landed UFO just outside Orland Park, Illinois on September 24, 1951.

Under hypnosis, Bailey stated, "They're all around. Funny-looking eyes and face...I don't want to look them in the face!...Something sitting out in the field...remind me of a spinning top...I see a door open up!...I feel a little weird, like I was in a trance, and couldn't move..."

The term "regression" brings to mind a skilled hypnotist, guiding an entranced subject through some forgotten period in his past where every detail, however small, can be relived completely – mind and emotions co-operating in perfect harmony. However, UFO researchers who use regression techniques on persons claiming close encounters with UFOs are fast learning that hypnosis does not work quite this way.

Since the late 1960s, much study has been done with so-called "abductees". The term "abductee" refers to a witness who experiences an unexplained period of amnesia after seeing an unidentified flying object close at hand, then regains consciousness in time to see the UFO leaving the area. Hypnotic regression is used in these cases to uncover the details of what occurred during the time-loss.

Almost invariably, the witness brings out a vivid story about being taken aboard the UFO by alien occupants where 1, he is subjected to a strange physical examination; 2, he communicates with the creatures, generally by some sort of telepathy; 3, he is shown the interior of the craft; 4, he is given a message which frequently relates to the UFOs' motives and their peaceable intentions.

Although all four of the sequential events noted above do not occur to all UFO abductees, they all without exception state unequivocably under hypnosis that they were forcibly taken aboard. This article pertains specifically to abductees who experience time-loss. Some abductees, however, consciously recall their experiences aboard the craft. The information here might well apply to them as well as to the time-loss abductees. For our purposes, however, in the limited space available, we refer exclusively to time-loss abductees in examining the question: How valid are hypnotic techniques in obtaining reliable UFO information?

According to commonly-held opinion, a hypnotized person is completely under the power of the hypnotist. He cannot lie or withhold any detail which he is asked to reveal. This is the popular view, but it is not necessarily true.

Anyone familiar with stage hypnosis knows that the creativity of the human mind is virtually endless. Persons can be made to lie, to create fantasy-situations under hypnosis and persuaded to perform acts which, in their normal waking state, they would consider unethical or foolish.

In UFO research, special care is taken not to ask leading questions, so that this normal creativity of the mind can be kept to a minimum. But the danger always exists, regardless how much care is taken, that the hypnotized person's mind will unconsciously create detail to fill in gaps where his memory processes throw up blocks. A person under hypnosis cannot ordinarily distinguish between what is objectively real and what might be created. What we are left with, generally, is an abduction tale where truth and fantasy, to greater or lesser degree, are inextricably mingled.

Not only do hypnotized persons unconsciously create details and present them in terms indistinguishable from objective truth, they can, contrary to popular opinion, withhold information from the hypnotist when strongly motivated to do so. For instance, Harrison E. Bailey, when first questioned under hypnosis about his September 24, 1951, experience, refused to tell whether the alien occ-

upants had taken him aboard. "Well, if they did," he replied cagily after a long pause, "you wouldn't talk about a thing like that. People have very peculiar ideas about people that see anything like that... I can't...I can't recall...going aboard. I don't want to be nowhere around. I don't want to know too much."

Bailey's block caused by fear of ridicule was eventually broken through. Even then the details of his abduction were sketchy. As Bailey said, "I really don't have any business being aboard. Someday someone might ask me about them, and I'd have a lot of explaining to do."

Dr. Benjamin Simon, who handled the case of Betty and Barney Hill, pointed out early in abductee research that the Hills might have experienced "shared fantasy" rather than an actual UFO kidnapping. However, in the past fifteen years, hundreds of abduction cases have come to light. The list lengthens weekly. Researchers worldwide are documenting them. Abduction cases seem to be an integral and important part of the entire UFO phenomenon. We cannot ignore them. We cannot dismiss them simply as "shared fantasies." They must be researched as objectively as possible, so that an answer can be found.

It is necessary to point out that only rational, honest persons reporting UFO encounters with accompanying time-lapses are selected for hypnotic regression. To apply the technique to people claiming encounters but who exhibit gross psychopathological symptoms is not only fruitless but often dangerous. Even though such persons may have had actual abduction experiences, it is even more difficult in their cases to tell truth from fantasy. Also, under hypnosis, their paranoid tendencies are often enhanced, endangering the investigators and causing no end of trouble.

From the beginning of hypnotic research on abductees, researchers such as Berthold E. Schwarz, M.D., Dr. Leo Sprinkle and Dr. James A. Harder have stated that various abductees "seem to be telling the truth as they know it in their own minds." *Most investigators took this to mean that the abductee accounts were objective reality*. However, the two things are not necessarily the same.

Even "physical or objective reality" is not "absolute reality". The desk on which I write looks like brown-grained wood, but only because it radiates certain colour wave lengths to my eyes. The colour "brown" has no absolute reality in itself.

More and more evidence is pouring in that the UFOs are able to directly influence all of the five human senses and the human mind itself. They are evidently able psychically to alert persons inside buildings so that they dash outdoors just in time to see a silent UFO manoeuvring overhead. They can produce euphoria in witnesses, where ordinarily the humans should be filled with reasonable terror. If they are able to influence persons who see them from a distance, it is reasonable to assume that during a very close encounter the influence on the witnesses would be even greater.

There are strange correlations in many abductee accounts which seem to boil down to this: *some details described by abductees, related to the craft, the occupants, the medical examinations aboard the ship, etc., bear close resemblance to the details in the witnesses' own lives.*

The following examples from my own files are striking: Consider, for instance, the Bailey case which I have mentioned above, and which was published in *Fate* April and May 1978 issues. Concerning the interior of the UFO, Bailey recounted under hypnosis:

"The bright lights shine in my face. I feel afraid, but I've seen some machines that look like that before. Therefore, I don't have to be afraid of them."

Bailey was referring to the glow from blast furnaces in steel mills where he worked in 1951. Were the UFO entities he encountered deliberately mimicking a recognizable source of light to calm Bailey's fears?

The message the UFO occupants gave Bailey also contained striking correlations.

"They gave me a message concerning *them*. They don't want people to stare at them so much. They want better communication, but when people see them, they come running like they could tear them to pieces so they [UFO occupants] usually get out fast."

Bailey stated that the occupants compared their own situation to the plight facing Negroes in 1951. Neither were, in Bailey's own words, "wanted in our society."

The occupants themselves bore a significant resemblance to steel workers and welders with whom Bailey had worked.

"The fellows who did welding had a big shield that covers their face, covers all round their ears and... down by the chin...I see some men, look like men, come to the [UFO's] window. They got on a type of mask...like when they work in the steel mill."

Similarly, the Sarah Shaw case contained some of the same kind of correlative material. Under hypnosis, she derived a vivid description of the entities who abducted her and Jan Whitley.

"All of them are very slender. Even the shoulders are very slender, and their faces like long ovals. But in some of them, the lower part of the face is somewhat wider, that's the only difference. The ones with the wider jawlines I think are female. The rest are male." (Paraphrased from subsequent interview.)

At the time of her abduction experience, Sarah Shaw was experiencing difficulty in sexual identity. It seems significant that the UFO entities who guided her aboard their craft were barely distinguishable in regards to sex. Was Sarah's own problem reflected in how she perceived the entities? Or, conversely, were the entities using information drained from Sarah's own mind in *projecting images of themselves* to her?

This phenomenon, which I choose to call "detail reflectivity", is widespread in abductee reports where the material is obtained under hypnotic regression. Just as the colour "brown" is merely energy translated by my eyes, so might UFO entities be *energy beings,* perceived in various ways through the five senses of their human witnesses.

It is possible that this explains the wide diversity of UFO craft and occupants reported worldwide.

Since about 1974, snowballing doubt has been cast upon the reliability of regression techniques as a means of obtaining valid information from abductees, however honest and stable the witnesses are. The change in our attitudes began when researchers began to study the hypnotic technique itself and to learn its strengths and faults.

All hypnosis is auto-hypnosis. The hypnotist is merely a guide. In fact, many people go into light stages of hypnosis often during the day – while watching TV, while daydreaming, or driving a familiar highway. The *deepening* of trance, however, depends on the skill of a hypnotist and the cooperation of the witness. The depth of trance is determined by the ability and motivations of the subject. The hypnotist has practically no control over depth of the trance. It is estimated that most abductee material is derived from witnesses in moderate or fairly deep trance – about value 4 to 6 on a scale of 10 – 10 representing the very deepest sonambulistic state. Some clinical hypnotherapists question the ability of persons to bring out forgotten memories in moderate or fairly deep trance, preferring to believe that a sonambulistic state is necessary to achieve this. UFO researcher-hypnotists, however, disagree.

Although many scientists have tried to define the hypnotic state, no definition has yet been universally acceptable. For the purposes of this article, we can state that hypnosis is an unusual state of mind in which concentration on internal thoughts and mental stimuli predominates, and surrounding stimuli are disregarded. It brings about a relaxed body state, increased susceptibility to suggestion, and the ability to tap the subconscious and sometimes unconscious levels of the mind.

However deep a subject may go, however, he never completely loses contact with reality, and the depth of trance varies spontaneously from minute to minute.

Abduction experiences which seem to flow less easily from the subconscious mind of the hypnotized witness are possibly more objectively true than the complete stories which pour forth like buckets of water. In these, normal creativity is suspected. Even under ideal circumstances, however – an honest, stable and careful witness and a skilled hypnotist – *truth tends to mix with normal creativity, and the witness is not able to distinguish which is which.*

Two types of verification techniques which have been used in abduction cases are the PSE (Psychological Stress Evaluator), which measures inaudible stress on the hypnotized person's tape-recorded voice, and the lie-detector, which measures stress through changes in pulse rate, respiration, etc. Though controversial themselves, these two scientific instruments are accepted in some states as evidence in court trials. When all three techniques are applied to an abduction case – hypnosis, PSE, and lie detector – and the witness' statements hold up well, we are inclined to accept the abduction experience as real.

When independent correlative detail is brought out in witnesses' accounts, we consider this indicative that the abductions actually occurred. For instance, Sarah Shaw described "mittened" hands on the entities who kidnapped her. She also stated that she was "floated" up to the hovering UFO, her feet barely touching a "beam of light". These were exciting correlations to other abduction stories of which Sarah had no knowledge.

However, as stated above, differences in details in abduction cases far outweigh any similarities. They remain a collection of puzzling stories. *Our only real criterion in judging their validity is the basic honesty of the witnesses themselves.*

In 1976 a series of experiments was conducted by researchers Dr. Alvin Lawson, W.C. McCall, M.D., and John de Herrera. They hypnotized a number of "verbal, creative types" who had little or no knowledge of UFOs and asked each a set of eight situational questions involving an *imaginary* close encounter with an unidentified flying object.

These experimenters had no preconceived notions what sort of material the "imaginees" would produce. They half-expected that *imaginary* abduction stories would differ considerably from *"real"* abductee accounts. However, they learned that an *averaged comparison* of real and imaginary cases indicated almost no essential differences. "Many presumably obscure 'patterns' from UFO literature emerged in the imaginary narratives;" reported Lawson in his May 2, 1977, report.

However, these imaginary narratives were devoid, for the most part, of the vivid emotional content found in actual abduction cases; they involved no time-lapse, and lacked the physical, psycholigical, and psychic upsets which often accompany "real" abductee experiences.

The studies produced much controvery among researchers, many of whom criticized the study for its protocol. Other researchers praised the study, inasmuch as it proved a catalyst in forcing other researchers to re-examine UFO material obtained under hypnosis. We bagan to sharpen our skills.

At present, the reliability of information obtained from abductees remains very much in doubt. But certain clues are beginning to surface. One of these clues has been pointed out by Berthold E. Schwarz and James A. Harder, among others – *that during close encounters, the witnesses themselves might already be in a hynotized state.*

Harder states that "similarly described experiences could have a similar origin." He is saying that hypnosis, or something akin to it, might have been used by the UFO entities themselves in feeding information into a witness' mind. When re-hypnotized by researchers, the witness repeats back what has already been fed to him.

Schwarz states a similar hypothesis thus: "The contactees that I have studied are either in or out of a trance half the time anyway, and they are usually easy to hypnotize. As stated elsewhere, that might be one of the real clues regarding parts of their experience."

Thus, the material which abductees "recall" under hypnotic regression may have been planted in their minds by the UFO entities. No real exper-

ience aboard a physical craft would be necessary to induce an abductee experience. The witnesses may have been influenced subconsciously (or unconsciously) to "perceive" – with no clue as to what they perceive is objectively true or false. Some researchers, indeed, suspect the motives of UFO entities as boding ill for mankind, while they "delude" us into considering them benevolent. No one knows where the truth really lies.

However, there is another train of thought which may throw a different light on the puzzle. Some researchers speculate that UFOs are from a higher realm of being than ourselves, from a dimension where "physical reality" as we know it does not exist. These entities would be logically more intelligent than us and even concerned with our welfare. Slowly they may be educating us about the higher realms of the universe. Thus Frank Salisbury refers to the phenomenon as "the UFO display." Leo Sprinkle speaks of "cosmic consciousness conditioning."

There is another hypothesis which might explain many elements of the abductee phenomenon. During the past year, John de Herrera and I have conducted studies into the reliability of hypnosis in obtaining valid information. In the few times which we have consciously combined "remote viewing" with hypnosis we have found that the hypnotic state heightens psychic abilities to a remarkable degree.

"Remote viewing" as used here, refers to the studies conducted at the Stanford Research Institute by Professors Puthoff and Targ. Their experiments proved that ESP exists and that *under strict laboratory conditions ordinary persons could obtain otherwise inaccessible information over kilometer distances.*

Berthold Schwarz agrees that hypnosis heightens the psychic abilities of the mind. He wrote, "the [hypnotist] can not only implant thoughts consciously or unconsciously, but can also influence telepathically the one he is questioning in hypnosis."

It is evidently something about the hypnotic state which produces the "imaginee" phenomenon discussed above. It also seems to be something about the hypnotic state which produces real abductee experiences. The difference is that in the actual abduction incidents, there seems to be an alien stimuli interacting with the witnesses' minds.

Hypnotized persons can not only be in telepathic contact with the hypnotist and other persons in the room but are probably at times in touch with the "collective unconscious." The collective unconscious is the linkage of all men's minds together in the psychic realm, and in it, time as we know it does not exist. Past, present, and future are all available in a timeless now. A mind tapping the collective unconscious is capable of precognition as well as clairvoyance, telepathy and theoretically, the entire range of psychic perception.

We do not yet understand these things clearly. They are in the realm of parapsychology, which is still in its infancy. But the tapping of the collective unconscious through hypnosis may well be the stimulus for the initial abduction experiences of selected UFO witnesses. It may also be the means by which these witnesses are able to provide added detail, under hypnosis, to interested researchers.

The above hypothesis is tenuous. Its logic is difficult to express in limited wordage. But follow it out a little further, and consider the following: The collective unconscious is the linkage of all minds. There is no reason to suppose that it is composed only of *human minds*. Any intelligence in the universe – including UFO entities – should have access to it. Somewhere, somehow, the abductee in hypnosis is tapping a source which wants him to know minute details about UFO occupants, their motives and their purposes. The witness is "remote viewing" information concerned with the UFOs.

The entire subject of the reliability of UFO information obtained under hypnosis is tenuous indeed. Further research is desperately needed. The UFO field has generally been hampered by lack of funds for adequate study. Investigation of the paranormal aspects of the phenomenon, such as is evident in the abductee phenomenon, suffers even more.

World round-up

of news and comment about recent sightings

Spain

Caravelle makes emergency landing at Valencia after encountering UFO(s)

The following extracts come from UPI reports datelined (1) Valencia, November 12, 1979, and (2) Madrid, November 15, 1979,–

(1) "A *Caravelle* jet with 109 passengers aboard made an emergency landing here Sunday after its pilot radioed he was being 'pursued' by four unidentified flying objects, airport officials said Monday.

"Transport Minister Salvador Sanchez Teran travelled to Valencia and ordered an investigation into the alleged air chase, which started when the Spanish plane was flying over the island of Ibiza en route to Tenerife in the Canary Islands...

"The crew said the objects pursued them for some four hours, deciding them to abort their long flight south... they said the objects peeled off some 30 miles from Valencia..."

(2) "...a reported UFO sighting in Spanish air space must be one of the best documented on record.

"The case involves a pilot who diverted his plane with 109 passengers and seven crew to make an emergency landing, claiming UFOs were buzzing him and threatening collision.

"An airport director, among others, says he saw the UFOs.

"Air Force jets were reportedly sent up and filmed them and Spain's Transport Minister...said: 'It is clear that UFOs exist.'

"Francisco Lerdo de Tejada, 34-year-old pilot of the Spanish *Caravelle* jet, broke his silence on the weekend incident Wednesday to explain why he plunged the aircraft 14000 feet, and put his chartered planeload of German and Austrian tourists down in Valencia...

" 'I've never been in danger like it,' Lerdo, a pilot with 15 years' experience told reporters. 'What I saw was a UFO.'

"Lerdo said two 'intense red lights' streaked across the sky towards his *Caravelle* shortly before midnight Sunday [November 11, 1979] as he flew at 24000 feet after taking off from Majorca. Within minutes the objects closed in to a half mile from his plane and he ordered his passengers to fasten their safety belts. After the UFO made two apparent attempts to buzz the plane, the pilot dropped his aircraft into a sharp dive and diverted the plane to Valencia.

"Lerdo claimed sophisticated radar in Madrid picked up the UFOs and saw them plunge 12000 feet in 30 seconds — 'something no plane I know can do' — in an attempt to follow him down...

"Some of the passengers, whose dramatic flight began with a four-hour delay, claimed Lerdo detoured to a quick landing in Valencia because his aircraft was not airworthy, but technicians who checked the plane in Valencia declared it 'in perfect condition.' "

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[See also J.J. Benitez' report *Jetliner 'intercepted' by UFO near Valencia* elsewhere in this issue.]

Scotland

UFO & Occupant report from West Lothian

A remarkable entity report was published in the *Sunday Express* of November 11, 1979. The report appeared under the headline "Forester attacked by visitors from Space." Needless to say **it was considered essential that a UFOIN investigator should look into the case. It is hoped to publish his report as soon as it is received. Here is** the *Express* account:—

"An area of Scottish grassland was sealed off on the advice of police yesterday after a forestry worker claimed he was attacked there by creatures from space.

"Experts in the field of unidentified flying objects rushed to the site at Livingston, West Lothian, to examine imprints on the ground.

"Last night a police spokesman said:

'It's all very strange. There are indentations on the ground as if made by the legs of some machine. But there are no marks leading to the spot, which is in quite a secluded area.'

"Mr. Bob Taylor, a 50-year-old forestry foreman says he was assaulted by two creatures who tried to pull him into their spacecraft. It happened early on Friday morning when Mr. Taylor was working alone on Dechmont Hill, near the M8 Glasgow-Edinburgh motorway.

"His boss Mr. Malcolm Drummond said: 'Bob Taylor is not a man to make something up. If he says he was attacked by some creatures then there must have been something there. And the indentations on the ground bear this out.'

"Mr. Taylor and his wife were last night visiting relatives in England.

" 'Bob was shocked and upset by the incident,' said Mr. Drummond, who is head of the Livingston Development Corporation forestry department. 'But he had arranged some time ago to make this trip and he thought he would go ahead with it despite what had happened, as it would allow him to get away from all the publicity.'

"Neighbours of Mr. Taylor, of Broomyknowe Drive, Livingston Station backed up Mr. Drummond's description of Mr. Taylor as a 'sensible straight-forward man.'

"Mr. Taylor said that as he reached a clearing on the hill he was faced with a silver-coloured spacecraft. Suddenly, two creatures shaped like wheels with arms peeled off from the craft and slowly approached him.

"They grabbed him by the sides of his trousers and tore them, leaving scratch marks on his thighs. At this point Mr. Taylor fainted.

"But he said he had the sensation of being dragged towards the craft.

"Later, investigations revealed two small trailmarks which could have been made by the feet of someone being dragged.

"Mr. Taylor also remembers a strong chemical smell and his red setter, normally a placid creature, barking furiously.

"When he came round he was dazed and shocked and the creatures and their craft had gone.

"All that remained were a dozen or so deep triangular marks in the ground. There were also two parallel caterpillar tracks on the same spot. But there were no scorch marks, only flattened grass.

"After the incident Mr. Taylor, a father of seven grown-up children, crawled several hundreds yards back to his van. But after reversing it he felt unable to drive and the vehicle was stuck in the mud.

"Later police found the van with the engine still running and the radio-microphone lying on the floor.

"Mr. Taylor, still dazed, walked the mile-and-a-half to his home before contacting Mr. Drummond.

"Although there were no witnesses to the events on Dechmont Hill, a 72-year-old Glasgow woman yesterday came forward with claims of a sighting which could add substance to Mr. Taylor's story.

"Mrs. Mary Hunter, of Drumlendrick Avenue, Easterhouse, who lives opposite a large field, said she noticed a pale white ball-shaped object in the sky on Friday afternoon.

" 'I called a neighbour and we watched it for some time,' she said. 'I am sure I saw it split up in half and then come together again. Then suddenly it just vanished. There was no flickering or anything. It was something I had not seen before. I don't drink. So I wasn't seeing things.'

"Mr. Stuart Campbell, a member of the British UFO Research Association, said:

'I found parallel lines on the site described by Mr. Taylor. Also there were marks of a circular design and a series of holes in a pattern round the tracks. What I saw could have been caused by a space craft. But there could, of course, be another explanation, such as a bolt of ball lightning.' "

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Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

WE REGRET THAT THIS ISSUE'S COLUMN IS VERY RESTRICTED. SEVERAL LETTERS ALREADY RECEIVED WILL BE USED NEXT TIME.

Sky-high at Night

Dear Mr. Bowen,—After viewing the programme *The Sky at Night* on BBC2-TV last week the public was confidentially informed by Patrick Moore that last year's New Zealand sightings have been identified as 'Venus'. How does this agree with those conflicting statements made by scientists on study of film earlier in 1979? The public is being confused again. Would you please unravel.

Yours sincerely,
D. Durand,
15 Netherbury Road,
Ealing, London W5
December 18, 1979

We hope our next letter will help—
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More on the New Zealand film

Dear Mr. Bowen,—Having been involved to some extent in the analysis of the 16mm film of an anomalous aerial object sighted off the East coast of New Zealand's South Island on 31 December, 1978, I wish to comment on your Mail Bag comment in volume 25, number 3 (May-June, 1979) entitled "The New Zealand airborne movie." The 'gyrating' aircraft instrument panel referred to was, indeed, an engine fuel gauge. Let me quote directly from a letter dated 23 April 1979 which I received from Captain W.E. (Bill) Startup concerning the possibility of electro-magnetic effects on board the aircraft during the flight north from Christchurch.

"Your letter refers to your interest in electromagnetics. To my knowledge the only instrument that showed any sudden change was the fuel flow indicator for number one engine. It occurred as we were proceeding towards the light source. The indicator oscillated for no more than 10 seconds. I place no importance on this, it (was) probably just its turn to flicker. No direct reading compass or RMI deviations were evident nor was there any radio communication interference. Even with the reported radar sightings with fixes ranging down to one to two miles behind us I am fairly safe in stating that no interference of any significance came to my attention."

Despite this rather authoritative disclaimer, one cannot discount the active involvement of the aircraft's own radar as an indication of E-M effects. Ground radar returns at both Christchurch and Wellington ATC of the anomalous aerial objects also figure prominently in this case despite attempts by personnel of the Physics and Engineering Laboratory of the New Zealand Department of Scientific and Industrial Research to show that the source seen by the five eye witnesses on the plane and picked up on their radar was, in fact, an "almost stationary" fishing boat on the ocean's surface. The case remains open and the aerial light source remains unidentified.

Yours sincerely,
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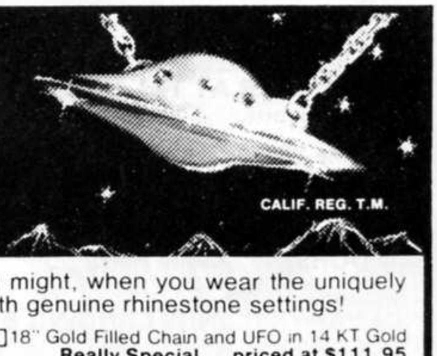

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